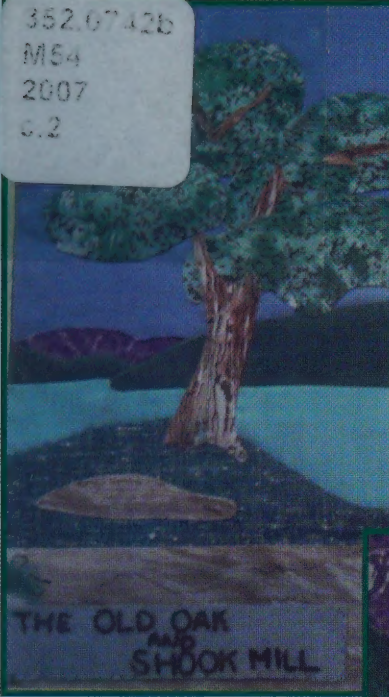
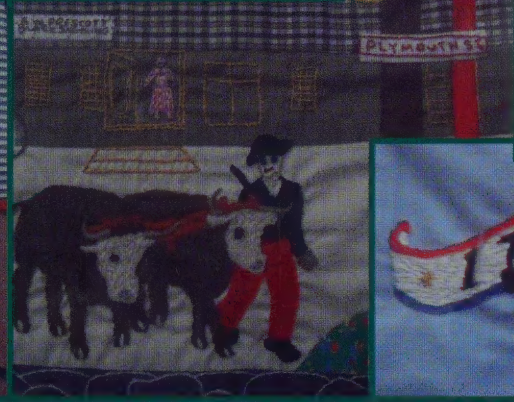
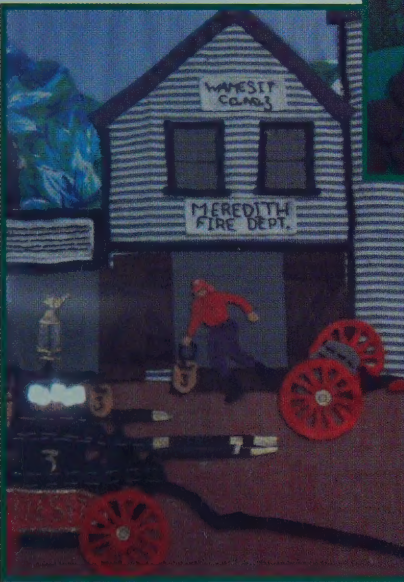


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2007 *Annual Report*



*Welcome
to
Meredith*



"Experience the Magic of Meredith"

Front Cover...

Meredith's Historical Quilt

Made by the ...

Quilting Committee of the Women's Fellowship Congregational Church

The Women's Fellowship observed the country's 200th birthday by making an historical quilt which features places of interest from long ago Meredith.

Ruth Beede sketched thirty five squares and each square has a name and they are...

The Swasey Homestead	by Alzora Hale Eldridge
Meredith Historical Museum	by Ruth Colby
Keller Farm	by Eunice Keller
Post Office Square	by Estelle Jenkins
The Marston Homestead	by Josephine Lloyd
Seneca Ladd Block and Home	by Carol Euler
High and Graded School	by Doris Reinhardt
The Hermit's House	by Doris Nott
"Elwood" The Moulton Farm	by Laura Moench
Meredith Center Church	by Violet Allen
The Fountain and George Sanborn Drug Store	by Dorothy Call
Meredith Neck Church	by Arlene Lamper
Grist and Lumber in Meredith Center	by Agnes Hodecker
Mansfield's Store	by Mary Plancon
The Leavitt School	by Doris Aiken
Meredith Fire Department	by Estelle Jenkins
The Island	by Irene Mullins
The First Congregational Church	by Estelle Jenkins
The Old Oak and Shook Mill	by Dorothy Wilkins
District & School	by Caroline Euler
The Prescott Smithy	by Ruth Irwin
The Beede Block	by Ruth G. Beede
The Hosiery Mill	by Estelle Jenkins
Meredith Village Free Will Baptist Church	by Ruby Ackerman
Swasey Stone	by Dorothy Davis
The Meredith Baptist Church	by Gertrude Billin
Roberts Market	by Frances Plummer
Gilbert Pynn's Shop	by Margaret Lunt
Dudley Leavitt Homestead	by Marjorie Davis
Smith-Hodsdon Farm	by Patricia Bird
The Horse Boat	by Dorothy Boger
The Meredith Bicentennial Symbol	by Josephine Lloyd
The Maloon House	by Marion Plaisted
The Elm Hotel	by Hannah Cummings
The Railroad Station	by Gwen Flather

The historic quilt is still on display in the Fellowship Hall of the Congregational Church,
Meredith, N.H. along with the original booklet
"Stories about Meredith's Historical Quilt".

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for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

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What is this Town Report all about?

This Annual Town Report contains...
information gathered from Town Departments,
Supported Outside Agencies and gives results of the
2007 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town
Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison and a
Summary of Town Owned Property. Following in the yellow section
is our current Budget and Warrant Articles.

Town Elections (Please Vote)

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Location: Community Center

1 Circle Drive

Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Location: Inter-Lakes High School

1 Laker Lane

Time: 7pm

Award

Each year our report is entered into the Annual Town Report
Contest which is held by the Local Government Center.

We compete against other Town's
in the same population category.

We received third place for our 2006 Annual Town Report.

Recognition

The Town Manager, Department Heads and Outside Agencies
are responsible for the written reports. The Financial Statements are
prepared by the Administrative Services Director, Brenda L. Vittner,
Deputy Tax Collector, Vikki Fogg and Disbursement Accountant,
Carrie Compton. The layout, graphs and preparation of the Annual
Report are completed by the Finance Officer, Linda Labraney.

Thank you to all who contributed to this report and
congratulations for another award winning book.

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

This years Town Report is dedicated to: Retiring Meredith Fire Chief

Chuck joined the Meredith Fire Department in 1994 after serving for many years with the Stratham Fire Department. After spending a few years as a Firefighter and Engineer with Meredith, it became clear to the members of the Wamesit Engine Companies that Chuck was a special individual. In 1997, when the time came to replace Meredith's retiring, first, full time Fire Chief, Chuck was the hands down favorite to take over the job.



Charles "Chuck" Palm

Equally at home elbow deep in the engine compartment of a fire truck, commanding a fire scene, reviewing building plans or making a budget presentation, Chuck has earned the respect and admiration of both the fire service community and the people of Meredith. He has dedicated countless extra hours for the betterment of the Town's fire department and its citizen's public safety. Chuck has also been an integral part of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association serving on various boards and committees and being a passionate voice in support of volunteer fire departments in the Lakes Region. When Meredith's previous Town Manager retired, he wore the additional "hat" of Interim Town Manager for six months while a permanent one was found.

During his tenure as Fire Chief, Chuck's accomplishments have been numerous. He has overseen the specifying and purchase of three fire trucks. He has played a key role with the Fire Station Building Committee helping to develop plans for the downtown fire station expansion. The Town has received well over a hundred thousand dollars in federal grants through his grant writing efforts. Many citizens enjoy improved home insurance rates because of his efforts in lowering portions of the Town's ISO ratings. He has worked tirelessly to bring professionalism and consistency to the review and enforcement of life safety codes in the Town's buildings. Most importantly, his efforts to equip the fire department with quality safety equipment, clearly written operating guidelines, and superior training opportunities have made Meredith's fire department one of the best volunteer departments in the state.

As is typical of "Chief Chuck", although he retired last year, he is back serving his Town as Chief while we try to find the right replacement for him. His willingness to postpone his retirement for the good of the department and Town is typical of the dedication and character he has shown throughout his tenure as Chief. The Town is proud to dedicate this years Town Report to Chief Palm and thank him for his many years of service.

And down the road, when he does "re-retire", be sure to stop and visit with Chuck and his wife Barb at their Harbor Hill Campground, where they play gracious host to many tourists and visitors to our Town.

IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



Mary K. Robertson

Mary K. Robertson, 93, died at LRGH on November 20, surrounded by friends and family.

She was 15 when she graduated from Meredith High School in 1930.
At age 17 she graduated from Colby Junior College and went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1936.

She also attended the New England Conservatory of Music and was an accomplished pianist through out her life.

In 1959 Mary was elected to the Meredith Board of Selectmen and was the first woman to serve on that board.

She also served on the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment and was a tax consultant and library trustee for many years.

Literature was her enduring love.

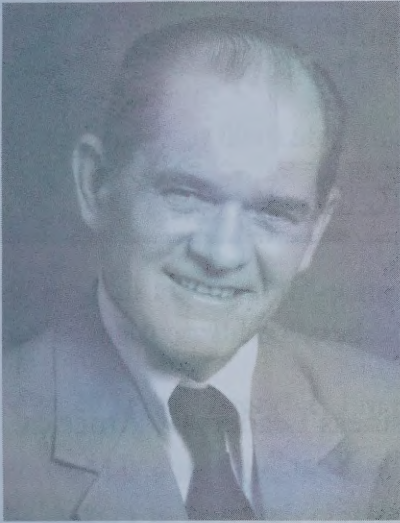
An antiquarian book dealer from 1953 to present, she never retired.

Mary sold only the originals in her bookstore in the barn.

She believed that the popularized condensations insulted the intelligence of our youth and served only to dumb down and trivialize their sensibilities.

Mrs. Robertson touched so many lives and she will be greatly missed.

IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



Robert Damon Bennett

Bob Bennett was born in Natick, Massachusetts in 1924. While a high school student he was a volunteer warden for the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety. Graduating in 1942 he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 and fought and was injured in World War II. Discharged from the Navy in December 1945 he returned to Meredith and his wife, Barbara Lund Bennett. They built their home and began their family.

In the early 1950's Police Chief Carroll Straw, who was the only police officer working 24/7 for the town at the time, made Bob a Deputy. Bob contacted fellow businessmen in Town and they trained and formed the Meredith Police Department Volunteer Auxiliary unit. All of these men worked full time jobs and volunteered their time on nights and weekends. Bob was the Captain of the unit for twenty years and for many years did the dispatching for the Meredith Police and Fire Departments.

He served as a volunteer for the Meredith Fire Department and as a deputy forest fire warden for over 40 years. For many years, he was a member of the Meredith Rescue Squad that responded to accidents and medical emergencies as there was, back then, no Town ambulance service.

In 1968, he was approached by Bob "Dusty" Rhodes, the Director of the NH State Police (and former Meredith Town Manager) to join the NH State Police Auxiliary unit. He served for five years. He also served in Center Harbor as a part time police deputy. He was a Past Commander of the American Legion Post #33 in Meredith as well as a District Officer and Past Commander for the 40/8 honorary Legion unit whose goal was child welfare.

Bob served as a Little League Coach; President of the Inter-Lakes High School Band Booster Association; Treasurer for the American Heart Association Fund Drives; a U.S. Air Force Observer and wrote over 200 weekly columns for THE MEREDITH NEWS, entitled "I Remember When" reminiscing about years past in Meredith history.

Yes, he always had time for his family and was always there for them. He and Barb, his only wife of 62 years, raised two sons, Steven and David, both of whom still live in Meredith with their wives. They have three living grown grandchildren as well as four great grandchildren. Over the years Bob was always there to help many people with their problems. Many times unknown to anyone else. After his passing many of these people came forward and told his widow, Barb, of the ways Bob helped them when they were in desperate circumstances or had nowhere else to turn. He never turned anyone away.

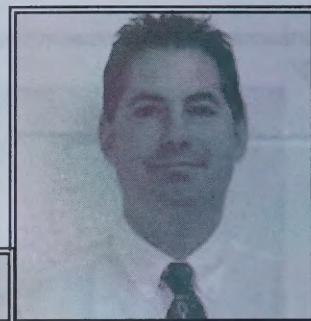
Bob retired as the Security Officer for Meredith Village Savings Bank in May of 1986. After ten years of failing health he passed away on September 10, 2007. Bob will always be remembered for his caring and giving heart and all he gave to the community he loved. He will live on in the hearts of his family and all those he helped over the years.



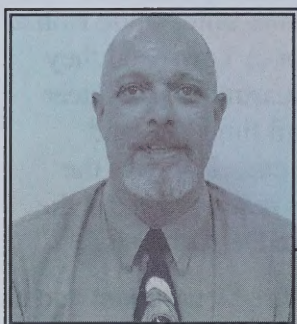
Bob dispatching at the Police Department then located at Town Hall in 1958

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Inter-Lakes Elementary School's **Dr. Steven Kelley** was voted and recognized as New Hampshire's **Principal of the Year**.



Dr. Steven Kelley



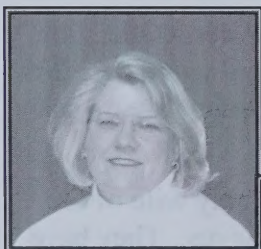
Inter-Lakes School District Food Service Director
Joseph Cyr
was announced as the 2007 Future Business Leaders of America
"Businessperson of the Year."

Joseph Cyr

Inter-Lakes High School Guidance Director **Chris Gribben** was recognized as New Hampshire's **Guidance Counselor of the Year**.



Chris Gribben



NH School Administrators Association's Outstanding Service Award was received by **Kathleen Hill**

Kathleen Hill

Charlie Chatterton was presented with the **Joseph D. Vaughn Award** by Governor John Lynch for his volunteering efforts and work at the Inter-Lakes Senior Center.



Charlie Chatterton

DEDICATED SERVICE

Jim Hawthorne started work as a mechanic in the highway garage for the Meredith Public Works Department in December of 1987.

A talented metal fabricator, Jim rebuilt and refurbished in 1997, the beautiful iron gate at the entrance to the Meredith Village Cemetery on Route 3.

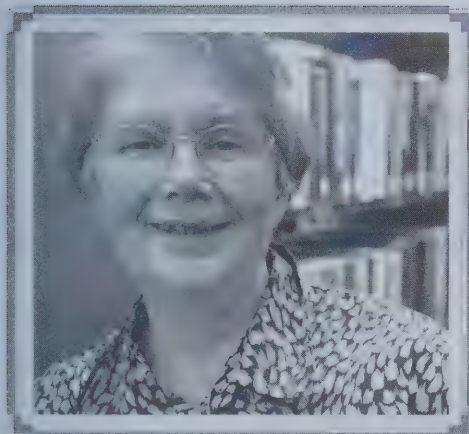
He used his talents to fabricate many parts and pieces for vehicles and equipment throughout his years of service.

After **20 years of service**, Jim retired from the Town this past year.

Jim and his wife, Christine, are looking forward to traveling around the country to visit their children and Jim plans on spending a lot of time on his motorcycle.



James Hawthorne



Marilyn Rushton

Marilyn Rushton retired November 30, 2007 after **42 years of service** at the Meredith Public Library.

She began as a library aide in 1965 and became Assistant Director after 5 years, continuing in that position until her retirement. Marilyn was responsible for the library's collection of adult fiction and non fiction books and was always ready to take suggestions from patrons.

She enjoyed the social aspect of the library, interacting with the patrons and staff alike.

During her career she saw the library expand not only with an addition, to the building, but also into the field of technology with the introduction of computers and the internet.

Marilyn's daughter and son-in-law own the Meredith Center Store, where she will spend part of her retirement time.

We all wish Marilyn a very happy retirement, she will be missed.

TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frank S. Michel, 2008, Chairman

Peter F. Brothers, 2009
Robert Flanders, 2010

Colette Worsman, 2009
Miller C. Lovett, 2010

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator, 2008
Town Clerk, 2008
Treasurer, 2008

Louis Kahn
Pauline L. Jones
Dennis A. Lamper

TOWN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Town Manager & Tax Collector
Administrative Services Director
Community Development Director
Town Planner
Code Enforcement Officer
Public Works Director
Assistant Public Works Director
Water & Sewer Superintendent
Assessor
Parks & Recreation Director
Parks & Recreation Assistant Director
Parks & Recreation Operations Chief
Library Director (retired)
Assistant Director (retired)
Deputy Tax Collector
Deputy Town Clerk

Carol M. Granfield, ICMA-CM
Brenda L. Vittner
John C. Edgar, AICP
Angela LeBrecque
William M. Edney
Michael Faller
Allan Bolduc
Robert Hill
James Commerford, CNHA
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Rick Desharnais
Russell Weeks II
Lydia Torr
Marilyn Rushton
Valerie "Vikki" Fogg
Kerri A. Parker

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Stephen H. Nedeau, 2008, Meredith
Bruce Heald, 2008, Meredith
Deborah Reynolds, 2008, Senator

POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Kevin Morrow, Chief
Keith True, Lieutenant

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Charles G. Palm, Chief (Retired)
Andre Kloetz, Assistant Chief
Tom Joslin, Assistant Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Charles G. Palm (Retired)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Steven R. Bennett, Director
Peter G. Russell, Assistant Director

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paula Wanzer, Co-Chair, 2010

Beverly Heyduk, 2009

Ann Keller, 2009

Tammy Carpentiere, Co-Chair, 2010

John Foster, 2009

Eileen Harris, 2009

Cheryl Prouty, 2009

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Barbara Clark, 2009

Richard Pendergast, Chairman, 2008

William Finer, 2010

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Lucienne M. Boulanger, Chairman, 2010

Anne Jollimore, 2008

Rhetta Colon, 2012

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2009

Rhetta Colon, 2009

Delphine Clough, 2010

Laurie A. Brothers, Chairman, 2008

Paul Eldridge, Co-Chair, 2009

Linda Matson, 2008

Joseph Jay Tivnan, 2009

PLANNING BOARD

Louis Kahn, 2010

William Finer, 2008

Roger Sorell, 2009

Herb Vadney, Chairman, 2010

Pam Bliss, 2007 (resigned 2007)

Colette Worsman, Selectmen Representative

Bill Bayard, 2009

Edward Touhey, 2010

Alternates: John W. Dever, III, 2010, Robert Flanders, Alternate-Selectman Representative

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Mack, Chairman, 2008

Fred Hawkins, 2010 (resigned 2007)

Kenneth Haley, 2009 (resigned 2007)

Jack Dever, 2009

Michael Pelczar, 2010

Alternates: Janice Joslin, 2009, Brian Flanders, 2008

David Thorpe, 2008, Warren Clark, 2010, Frank Marino, 2008

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Donald MacFarlane, Chairman, 2010

Robert LeCount, 2010

Daniel Heyduk, 2009

Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer, 2010

Paula Novicki, Vice Chairman, 2009

Peter Miller, 2010

Barbara Smyth, 2010

Alternates:

John Sherman, 2009

Jacque Colburn, 2009

Terry Lance, 2009

Paul Del Frari, 2009

Paula Wanzer, 2010

WAUKEWAN WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Bond, Chairman

Bill Corr

Robert Flanders

Earl Hanson

Bob Wenstrup

Jacque Colburn (NHDES)

Bonnie Ireland, Vice Chairperson

Randy Eifert

Caroline Gosse

John Hodsdon

Pru Tylanda

John Edgar (Town of Meredith)

Bob Hill (Town of Meredith)

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Bayard, 2010

Herb Vadney, 2010

Report from the Board of Selectmen

To Our Meredith Citizens:

The 2007 year has been an extremely busy one, with many challenges and successes. The activity of the Board of Selectmen involved holding 24 regular Selectmen meetings, as well as 30 workshops, and 22 non-public meetings. Board members additionally served as representatives on many Town committees, which include the Planning Board, Fire Station Building Advisory Committee, DOT Project Advisory Committee, Capital Improvement Program, Employee Benefit Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.



It was a challenging year of water issues that required the Board to declare a water restriction and have the water system extensively evaluated to determine which plant upgrades were immediately required, as well as, proceed to analyze the water capacity of the plant. Several consultants assisted the Town with determining which problems existed and how they need to be corrected.

Progress is being made. The Board significantly updated the Water Ordinance that will assist with accomplishing this progress. Additionally, further evaluations are being conducted and we anticipate creating a Water System Advisory Committee to further assist us in this process.

We are pleased to report that the Infrastructure Improvements project that was approved at the 2007 Town Meeting is almost completed. This major project includes the replacement of water mains, replacement and rehabilitation of existing sewer lines, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction on Waukegan Avenue, High Street, Red Gate Lane and Stevens Avenue. This project received sizeable grants to assist the Town with the substantial cost. We take pride in continuing to address the infrastructure needs of our community.

The new Police Station opened in March. It was a result of voter approval in 2006 to proceed with building an adequate secure facility that would meet compliance/security standards as well as the space needs for many years. This project was completed on time and under budget. The Construction Management and Town Management oversight team worked together to bring this result.

Report from the Selectmen continued...

The roundabout at Parade Road opened in June and created an improvement to the traffic flow. This NH DOT project was completed much sooner than anticipated. We realize that the first roundabout in Meredith was a significant adjustment for motorists and appreciate the public's patience during construction, as well as, in learning the new traffic pattern.



Another initiative of the Board of Selectmen was the Employee Benefit Committee. The Committee's charge was to research the Town's full range of wage and benefit

packages to ensure alignment with employers in the area which would continue to attract and retain competent employees to provide Town Services. The consultant firm of Thornton & Associates was hired to work with the Committee. A study was conducted and the results were reported in September. The information provided was helpful in the preparation of the budget for personnel and benefits.

We thank all of our volunteer committees who have donated substantial time, energy, and expertise to help the community. Our appreciation is also expressed to all of our talented department heads and their staff. The Board of Selectmen rely on their expertise to assist in determining the appropriate policies for the Town of Meredith.

We strive to serve our citizens by meeting the ongoing needs of Meredith through an effective, cost efficient, Town government.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Board of Selectmen:

Frank S. Michel

Frank S. Michel, Chairman

Peter F. Brothers

Peter F. Brothers, Vice Chairman

Robert C. Flanders

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Miller C. Lovett

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Colette Worsman

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

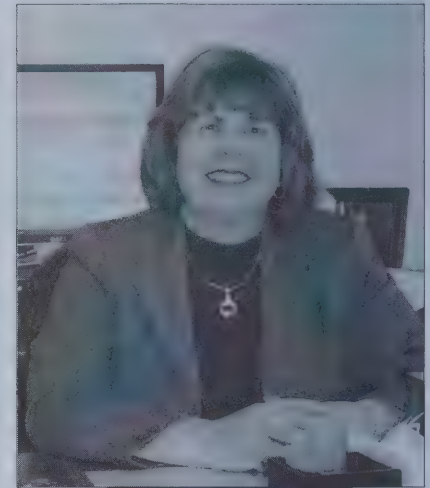
Report from the Town Manager

Greetings to the Citizens of Meredith:

It is my pleasure to report to you that 2007 was a very active year in Meredith. Several major projects were accomplished. I have been implementing the budget that was approved by the voters at Town Meeting and continue to look for new sources of revenue.

One new venture for revenue involved a joint effort with the Town and Shep Brown's Boat Basin for collection of boat launch fees at the public launch located at Shep Brown's. More revenue was collected, at no additional cost to the Town, with a pilot program that was most successful. As a result, a warrant article will be proposed in 2008 to continue the program by establishing a special revenue fund to apply funds collected to improvements to the public facilities at this location, such as bathrooms or parking and dock improvements.

I am pleased to report that Meredith received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$500,000 for site improvements for the development of 32 units of affordable housing on Boynton Road. The Town is working with the Laconia Area Community Land Trust to oversee this project. Workforce housing is one of the Town's primary goals which provides some affordable housing in the community so more residents will be able to live and work here.



Carol Granfield

Communication, transparency, and service to the public continue to be top priorities. In this regard, the Town televises its Selectmen meetings and also produces the "Experience the Magic of Meredith" cable program. One of the more popular cable shows was the tour of Bear Island. Longtime residents, as well as newcomers, learned some new information. Suggestions for future shows that will further provide information about Town functions and the community would be most appreciated.

Also, information continues to be posted on the Town website, www.meredithnh.org. Over 80 individuals have subscribed online to receive the Town Manager's Weekly Message, and I hope more of you will do so in an effort to become more informed.

As a service and convenience to those who are not able to drop off payments or information at the Town Hall and Annex during the 8 to 5 working hours, a Drop Box has been installed at Town Hall for your convenience. This is opened on a daily basis, so the public is able to utilize this service when Town offices are not available.

The Beautify Meredith Adopt-a-Spot program continues to expand. There are now 16 locations that individuals, groups, and organizations plant flowers and shrubbery and maintain, thus saving the Town and taxpayers money while enhancing our community. There are still locations available, so I encourage you to contact me and participate.

Report from the Town Manager continued...

Meredith was one of 12 communities in the state to receive a Beautification Award from the Arborist Association in May and was again recognized as a Tree City USA winner. These are received due to the efforts of both citizens and Town staff.

An updated Citizen Perception Study was completed this year. A similar study was conducted in 2005. The study included 600 randomly selected voters who were surveyed on their opinions about various Town services and characteristics. Two hundred and forty (240) responses were received and the opinions reflected a fairly even sampling of citizens. Each was asked about their satisfaction with services. High ratings of over 90% were given to the cleanliness of Town facilities, Town service, courtesy, availability and location of parks, employee performance, and Police protection. Fire protection, the Library system, the Transfer Station, and snow removal additionally received excellent ratings of over 80 percent. The entire report can be viewed on the Town's website.

During the year, all employees continue to receive training required for their work so we all can provide the community with efficient services. All employees continue to be encouraged to work smarter and seek cost-effective, productive alternates. The Management Team, which consists of department heads, participated in an extensive year-long team building program. Assistance was provided by Primex and Dale Carnegie programs. I also instituted a Shadowing program, which resulted in all departments better understanding the entire Town operations.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of our Town employees who give 110 percent to make Meredith the positive community it is so we can all enjoy the quality of life here that we want to maintain. The guidance of our Selectmen in establishing the policy to move forth is additionally most appreciated. Community involvement continues to be a very important element and assists the Town in many positive ways.

Please contact me, or stop by, if you have any questions I can assist with or if you would like to become more involved in Meredith. There are many opportunities to become involved and your time and talent would be appreciated.

Warm Regards,

Carol M. Granfield
Town Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2007 Town Meeting Minutes

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive,
in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 13, 2007, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM
for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 14, 2007,
at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane,
in said Town to act on Articles 4 through 26:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

Two (2) Selectman for three (3) years

Richard G. Juve	539
Miller C. Lovett	647
Robert C. Flanders	597

One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three (3) years

Delphine Clough	25	William Finer	2
Richard Pendergast	4	Steven Gregoire	2
Louann Breen	2	Normand Noel	2

One (1) Library Trustees for three (3) years

Mark A. Donohoe	366
Delphine M. Clough	538

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Section D-1, deleting cluster development from Section B such that Cluster Development will no longer be permitted in the Forestry and Conservation District?

(The Planning Board does Not recommend approval of the proposed amendment.)

YES 314 NO 638

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article V Section D-1, General Purpose, such that "Development undertaken will be in concert with guidance derived from the Natural Resources Inventory and the Meredith Community Plan." and

"A minimum lot size of 12 acres is required in this district."?

(The Planning Board does Not recommend approval of the proposed amendment.)

YES 288 NO 664

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Moderator Louis Kahn opened Meredith Town Meeting 2007, by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Kahn then gave the results of the Town Elections:

Miller Lovett and Robert Flanders were elected to Selectmen for three year terms.

Delphine Clough, Library Trustee, and write-in to Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Inter-lakes School District results: Moderator, Lee Quimby, Member of the School Board from Meredith, John R. Carty.

Article 2, deleting cluster development from section B in the Forestry and Conservation District, was defeated
YES 314 NO 638

Article 3 amending the zoning ordinance in concert with guidance from the Natural Resources Inventory and the Meredith Community Plan was defeated
YES 288 NO 664

Peter Miller made a presentation of a plaque to Debra McNeish for her 14 years of service for Supervisor of the Checklist. Mr. Miller said farewell and thanked all of the voters for their trust and support. He looks forward to getting well and hopefully becoming a candidate for Selectmen in the future. Frank Michel spoke about Peter Miller's diligent, comprehensive and dedicated service for the past 3 years as Selectmen for the Town. Stating that, "Peter's contributions have made Meredith a better place to live. Peter entered as the Board transitioned from a three to a five person board and his Chairmanship was very fair and resolutely steadfast. It was a long an arduous year and Peter navigated us forward as we all learned the new dynamics of a five person board. I believe our board is on the right path and look forward to a very productive coming year. Lastly and simply put Peter, thank you very much for your contribution to the Town of Meredith and best wishes with your health."

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Two Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$2,238,000.00) (gross budget) for the purpose of replacement of existing cast iron water mains, replacement or rehabilitation of existing sewer lines; roadway and sidewalk reconstruction and drainage system improvements on Waukegan Avenue, High Street, Red Gate Lane and Stevens Avenue, said appropriation to be inclusive of State and Federal grants-in-aid, 46%(up to \$1,133,900) of the project, or contributions from other sources; to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes, 49% (up to \$1,220,100) of the project, and 5%(\$131,000) from project reserve, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants-in-aid or contributions from other sources; to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith.

(Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

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Motion by Peter Miller and seconded by Frank Michel that the Town adopt Article 4 as Proposed.

Motion by Peter Brothers and seconded by Miller Lovett to amend the entire text of Article 4 to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Four Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,485,000.00) (gross budget) for the purpose of replacement of existing cast iron water mains, replacement or rehabilitation of existing sewer lines; roadway and sidewalk reconstruction and drainage system improvements on Waukegan Avenue, High Street, Red Gate Lane and Stevens Avenue, with up to \$1,133,900 of said amount to come from State and Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources. Further, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$131,000 in funds that were previously appropriated for this purpose which are being held in a general fund reserve account. Finally, to authorize the issuance of up to \$1,220,100 of serial bonds or notes, being the balance of the total amount appropriated hereunder for this purpose, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes, and to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings, and to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith.

By raising of voter cards Moderator Kahn declared that the Amendment to Article 4 passed in the majority.

Discussion: Moderator Kahn stated that there would be a presentation prior to the discussion. Robert Hill, Superintendent for the Water and Sewer departments, and Engineer Ray Korber spoke to the article. Since 1990, Stevens Avenue has had 7 water main breaks on it and most recent 2 weeks ago. The hydrants on Waukegan Avenue are only 33 gallons a minute, which is well below the required amount of 750 gallons per minute for the Fire Service. Mr. Korber presented the slide presentation going over all the aspects including the deficiencies present, and the plan to address and the costs associated with the project.

Dona Murray questioned if there are other areas that have been outlined that in the future may need this type of infrastructure repair, have you looked forward to the future in other areas. Ray Korber stated that there was a water system evaluation done in 2005 and there are other projects that will be proposed in the future to address the other deficiencies. He went on to state that there was a bid opening on Tuesday the 13th so there is a firm price in hand that is within the budget amounts. Barry VanZandt asked if there was an expiration date to the grant monies. Ray Korber explained that the Town of Meredith is at the top of the list to get the money from the State and if we don't take advantage of it at this time it may not be available when we are ready. Mr. Van Zandt further asked when the contract expires and if the engineering design expires as well with regard to any of the DES requirements. Ray Korber stated as far as the design goes, it is completed and the next phase of the work will be to move on with the construction. Wayne Heilgmann asked, "What year was the water main put in, and what kind of warranty do we have on the new lining for the sewer system and the water?" Bob Hill stated, "Stevens Avenue in the 70's, Red Gate Lane was in the 60's, and what was dug up on High/Waukegan street, was so old we could not identify the age of it, as far as the guarantees the lining for the sewer lines is a 50 year life, and the water mains are usually guaranteed 50 plus life."

Lynn Montana asked how much was the bid that was accepted? Ray Korber explained that the bids have to be evaluated as per the contents and requirements and the apparent low bidder is \$1,980,000 approximately. Lynn Montana asked for clarification as to why we are asking for the full amount of \$2,485,000 when there is supposed to be grants that will be given for this project as stated in the presentation we would only be raising 1 million something? Is that correct?

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Brenda Vittner explained, “The Town asked for bids prior to Town Meeting so that the Town would know whether or not we would be close to what the cost would be. The \$2.485 million was the initial engineering costs for the entire project. The issue is, in order to have a bond issue you have to appropriate the entire gross, then on the other side we show the entire amount of \$2,485,000 as a revenue, so next year, once the debt service comes on, that will be the Town’s responsibility. And if the prices are lower we are not going to borrow up to that amount, and that’s why it is broken out within the Article to talk about the amount we will receive in grant money and the amount we are going to utilize out of the capital reserve that had been appropriated at prior Town meetings and the balance, up to \$1,220,100, would be the debt.”

Moderator Kahn added, “The Law requires, on a Bond resolution like this, that you have to state the entire amount of the project and then break it down as to how much of it is Bonds, how much of it is Grants and Aid and how much you are taking from your reserves so that \$2,485,000 is the gross amount, it is not the amount of the Bond Issue, am I correct.” Brenda Vittner stated that he was correct. Lynn Montana stated, “We are voting here, according to this Article, to have our taxes raised for the appropriation of the sum of \$2,485,000, that’s what it says in the very first line.” Moderator Kahn stated, “That is the way the State requires us to pass a Bond Issue, the actual amount of the Bond Issue is \$2,485,000 less \$1,133,000, less \$131,000 you have to subtract it in order to come up. So then you end up with 1,220,100 the gross amount because the State requires that we tell you what the gross amount is from all sources.”

Frank Michel commented,” It would be more worthy if these comments were coming from this dais rather than the Moderator, in all due respect. I am confused as to what the question is. You have to appropriate the gross, it says gross budget, we get 46% as a grant, 131,000 which we’ve already allocated at a previous Town Meeting and then we are borrowing it. There are no net taxes raised by this Article except, when we pay the debt service in the insuing years. No tax impact, am I correct Brenda?” Brenda Vittner stated, “In 2007 no, but on the amended Article the sentence reads further to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,220,100 of Serial Bonds or Notes, that is all the Town is going to be responsible for.” Lynn Montana stated, “Up to, in other words, if the bid comes in less, it will be less.” Pam Bliss asked,” Are the residents of these streets putting any money towards it? If my well or Sewer goes down I have to pay for it myself, so I am just wondering what portion the residents of the Streets are putting in.”

Peter Miller explained the breakdown of the debt will be according to a 60/40 formula that the Board of Selectmen passed last year. 60% paid by the users of the water system 40% by the public at large. Karen Sticht asked that on page 75 of the Town Report, it talks about long term indebtedness and we’re paying a whole lot of money still on Sewer Bonds from 1988, and was wondering why the Bond is going to be for 30 years, that just makes a lot more interest. Brenda Vittner explained,” 2 years ago, in 2005, we took a number of the older Bond issues which were all 30 year Bonds with Rural Development and refinanced them. When you work with the Federal Government, under Rural Development, the only period they give you is a 30 year term. So once we have borrowed this and we have gotten the project done 2 or 3 years down the road and if we can find a better interest rate than the 4.125%, we will refinance and bring the number of years down.”

Phyllis Hamblet stated that several minutes ago she believed there was a motion to call the question there was also several seconds on that and there has never been a vote on the question. Moderator Kahn stated, “I have not had a second and had neglected to get a motion to adopt Article 4 as amended. So I’ll take a motion to adopt Article 4 as amended and then we can call the question, if know one else wants to speak”. Frank Michel stated that we did take a vote and it passed. Moderator Kahn stated that we passed a motion to amend Article 4 we have never had a motion to adopt Article 4 as amended. Frank Michel moved the motion to adopt Article 4 as amended, seconded by Miller Lovett. Pat Mack asked who’s going to be reviewing the actual bids that we received and making a determination and being sure that we are not missing something like we have in the past.

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Brenda Vittner replied, “At this point the Engineer that has been working on the project from day one will be reviewing all 4 of the bids and at that point, will bring it back to myself and then we will bring it before the Board of Selectmen for final discussion.” Mark Flanders officially moved the question. Moderator Kahn explained that it was the pink slip on the voter card that is to be used and it will be open for one hour.
(Opened at 7:50)

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Boardwalk Renovations Expendable Trust Fund established in 2001 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of continued improvements to the infrastructure of waterfront properties owned by the Town of Meredith, the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Passage requires an affirmative two-thirds vote as advised by Town Council)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Frank Michel and seconded by Peter Brothers to adopt Article 5 as proposed.

Discussion: Peter Miller spoke to the fact that we no longer read the Points to Consider. Steve Merrill stated that there are approximately 36,000 in that Trust Fund, what is the Boards intention to use it for?

Selectmen Worsman explained that the way the fund is used it limits our ability to repair the other docks and the other structures that the Town is responsible for maintaining. So this will allow us to have a little more flexibility and it won't limit it to just the Downtown docks. Frank Michel stated that throughout the budget discussions it came up that Cattle Landing is in fairly bad condition, so that is on the screen and this is just the first attempt to start to fund it, so we have enough in there without having a big hit.

Moderator Kahn called the question and by a hand vote with two-thirds majority Article 5, passed. (4 voted No) Moderator Kahn stated that the next two Articles' are related so we can discuss them together.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town of Meredith vote to dissolve the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District?

(Passage requires an affirmative ballot vote)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

ARTICLE 7

In the event that dissolution of the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District is not approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the District, shall the Town of Meredith vote to withdraw from the District?

(Passage requires an affirmative ballot vote)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Peter Brothers motioned and Colette Worsman seconded to adopt Article 6 & 7

Mike Faller thanked the residents for the Solid Waste facility being so successful. He continued, “Over the past 15 years or so we have been regarded pretty high in DES eyes and we are still a model Solid Waste Facility to them and are still conducting tours on a regular basis. Our contract with Wheelabrator is ending June 30, 2007. Our current tipping rate is \$91 dollars per ton, which is pretty high, and we have since gone out and looked at other areas and have found some for about \$50 per ton for new rates and could possibly lock in the rate for 4 ½ years. It will be a considerable savings to the Town on a yearly basis. Basically what we are doing is housekeeping.

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Our bylaws, that we entered into 20 years ago require us to do this at Town Meeting, so we are hoping that Article 6 will pass with 2/3 of the vote and in the event that it doesn't throughout the other communities the 15 member Towns that are part of this district, hence Article 7 will give us the opportunity to withdraw to get the better tipping rate." Moderator Kahn asked if Article 7 required a 2/3 vote from the Town of Meredith or all the communities in the District, to which Mike Faller responded that it was from all the communities and we, as the Town, just need a majority vote for each Article.

Pam Bliss asked the Board of Selectmen if we will be saving \$42.50 per ton, what do they intend to do with the savings? Frank Michel stated that the budget was reduced by the savings, and Mike Faller confirmed that the decrease in the line item was \$60,000 for this year.

Moderator Kahn asked for the ballot vote for both of the Articles #6 being the yellow slip and #7 being the green slip this vote does not require being open for an hour.

Article 6 –PASSED	YES 235	NO 1
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Article 7 – PASSED	YES 236	NO 1
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ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire to the future well being of the people of Meredith.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of US greenhouse gas emissions, while protecting the US economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative, to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies, thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Meredith encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

Motion by Selectmen Lovett, seconded by Selectmen Miller, to adopt Article 8 as proposed.

John Hodsdon explained that this article comes from a coalition called the Carbon Coalition of 30 or more Organizations in New Hampshire. It is listed on 180 ballots across the State. He spoke at length about the reasoning for this ballot is to increase awareness of global climate change and to bring it to the attention of the Federal Government so that they may make some laws that may help the climate in the future. Dan Butler stated that if this was 1972 the climate experts would be telling us that the climate is getting colder. The Climate changes, the experts don't know why but it has been like that since they have been keeping records. I see no reason to assume that greenhouse gases are making the temperature of our planet warmer when 25 years ago, something was making our planet colder. John Hodsdon responded that about the 50's and 60's there was talk about that and the climate wasn't really changing very much then. Part of that was because of

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the things like sulfur aerosols and the things that caused acid rain. These tended to counter act the effects of increasing Green house gases. Since then they have been taken out and are making our air cleaner. We have vastly accelerated the rate at which carbon dioxide is being put in the atmosphere. Richard Gerken stated that he has some serious concerns about the rush to judgment on Global Warming, without greenhouse gases we would freeze at night when the sun when down. Whether there is a connection between increasing CO 2 and global warming is still in dispute it is not a slam dunk that we have global warming. Why was it, in the middle ages that we had higher temperatures than we do now, we didn't have any SUV's then. I feel that this article is inappropriate and a political statement and that it should be voted down.

Donald McFarlane moved the question seconded by Phil McGowan.

Moderator Kahn called for a hand vote to stop the debate which passed by a majority.

Moderator Kahn called the question and by a majority hand vote, Article 8 – passed

YES 127 NO 96

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to designate two certain parcels of land as part of the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Areas ("HRCA") and to also designate both parcels as Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110, as follows:

1. Tax Map R17, Lot 35 - This parcel of approximately 2.5 acres abuts the HRCA parking area at the intersection of Chemung Road and Old Stanton Road, and was deeded to the town by Dr. Robert Hamlin in exchange for a smaller parcel that was deeded to him by the town. Although the 1983 town meeting authorized the exchange of those parcels, through an oversight the parcel deeded to the town was not formally designated by the town meeting to be included in the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area, as it should have been.

2. Tax Map R17, Lot 36 - This parcel of approximately 5.06 acres is immediately east of Lot 35 referenced above, and was deeded to the town by Dr. Robert Hamlin to facilitate recreational development and timber harvests in the previously established HRCA, and to protect Old Stanton Road and the stream at its west end. Through an oversight this parcel was not formally designated by the town meeting to be included in the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area, as it should have been.

The designation of these parcels as part of the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area is contingent upon approval by the National Park Service, or such other Federal or State Agency approvals as are determined to be necessary to accomplish the designation."

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Peter Miller, and seconded by Frank Michel to adopt Article 9 as proposed. Being no discussion, Moderator Kahn called the vote by show of hands, Article 9 passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 79-E, will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept for consideration requests for community revitalization tax relief incentives.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Motion by Frank Michel and seconded by Peter Brothers, to adopt Article 10 as proposed.

Dona Murray asked why this is even being brought up, was it found that owners would not improve the property unless they got some tax incentive?

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Selectmen Miller answered that this relates to legislation that was enacted recently. What the legislation does, it gives the Town the option of providing Tax relief for certain Downtown properties that would qualify for it. In order for the Board of Selectmen to have the option of reviewing properties for such tax relief, the Town meeting has to grant that permission to the Board of Selectmen, and that is why this is on the Warrant.

Pauli Novicki asked if the rumored shopping center on Route 25 would qualify for this Tax Relief. Frank Michel answered, "We would not know until they actually apply and it would depend on if they would qualify. What happens is the increment of value won't be taxed by the renovations. If the tide rises and property gets more valuable it is still taxed, it is only the renovated portion not taxed. The main purpose of this is to stimulate economic growth in the Downtown." Ann Butler wanted it clarified if it is only on the cost of the improvements? Frank Michel answered that it was the improved value. Dave Sticht stated that this seems to be very similar to the TIF that was voted down a few years ago except that the district is not defined and instead of taking 25% of the value it takes 100% of the value which leaves the school, the town, and the county without the extra tax revenue. The intent of this is not for a Town like Meredith, the intent is to take an area that's blighted and there is no place in the Town of Meredith that's a blighted depressed area. The Selectmen are always looking for ways to bring revenue into this Town, and this would take revenue away by possibly \$20-\$30,000 dollars a year if the Meredith Shopping Center goes up.

Scott Carpenter asked if there were a list of criteria that the public would be able to view to understand what businesses may qualify for this. Selectmen Lovett explained, "It must come to the Select Board and we will look at each application and make the determination if and for how long they would benefit. I feel there are a number of places in this town that could possibly benefit from this, primarily the Downtown area. This could spark the rehabilitation to some of the property that people may make the investment in the property if they knew the taxes would remain the same for a few years. I think it is quite relative and different from TIF."

Herb Vadney spoke to being concerned at what the Article does not say. I have spent two days reading the law, and it is very poorly written and leaves a lot open ended. And the limits are set by the governing body. He read from the actual Law, and he has spoken to several people in Town that say that Meredith is growing too fast and people are talking about requesting a moratorium on building and development. But yet the Selectmen are suggesting that we give them the authority to give Tax incentives for increased speed in development and growth. Do you really want to lose \$30,000 per year for several years to come? It would end up coming out of the rest of our pockets. The taxpayers of this Town have always been very generous in approving any of the worthwhile projects that came along, and I feel that if you start splitting up the Town and making special Tax districts that would split the Town. Mark Flanders stated, "I do not feel that the Selectmen would approve a tax break to something like the proposed Shopping Center on Route 25 and this is not a one property issue. He went on to state that the tax breaks only qualify if there is some public benefit, and only on the portion that is a public benefit, is that correct?" Selectmen Miller stated that he believed that was correct. Mark continued, "This would be a benefit in order to help revitalize the downtown housing, to include lower to middle income, which in the master plan, in the Town, states that we lack that type of housing which is truly needed, and I feel that our Selectmen would only use this to benefit this Town, not for any Big Developers that may try to pull the wool over their eyes."

Bob Ambrose stated that Meredith has had a very good track record for giving tax breaks to the people that actually need it and not the very wealthy tax payers and if this is passed, when the tax break is given, then the people that need the help will be burdened to make up the difference. Bill Bayard stated the law is very vague and could work in the opposite manner and property owners may not maintain there buildings until it is in enough disrepair to qualify and they would turn to the Town to get the tax break to make it pretty. Karen Sticht stated that from the logos on the information page the NH Main street program and Greater Meredith Program are involved and they certainly have money set aside in their budgets for this type of renovations as they did this year when they renovated Phu Jee restaurant. I feel that this Town and the Greater Meredith

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Program already supports the Downtown area very well and they do not need any further tax incentives. Herb Vadney stated this law states that you get 100% of the additional value which would be for 5 years, which can also be extended an additional 2 years if residential is included, and 4 more years if it is low cost residential, and 4 more if it is historical. Bottom line is, it is the whole caboodle, it can be extended, and the law is that mushy and would allow the Selectmen a tremendous amount of latitude, not that I don't trust you, but this will be on the books for a long time to come and I don't like it. Selectmen Miller stated, "The Selectmen would have to be pretty stupid to apply some of the ways that have been suggested here and if they did, you would have to ask yourselves why you voted them into office. What this does is to help promote cultural and historic preservation, and creation of workforce housing through tax relief incentive. If this is voted in, each application would be voted on a case by case basis with a hearing, which would give the Selectmen an opportunity to operationally define how we want to apply the statute in the Town of Meredith. Without passing the warrant, we would have no such opportunity." Selectmen Lovett spoke of the benefit of having this on the books, although it would take away some tax revenues for a few years, in the long run it would benefit the town for years to come with the increase in tax revenue. Pauli Novicki asked if we voted something down similar to this a few years ago. Selectmen Lovett explained, "What we turned down was the TIF, which is quite different. The additional tax money in the TIF went into a fund for the redevelopment of some of the infrastructures in the area." Pam Bliss stated, "We keep talking about the Downtown area like it really has to be revitalized and if you put apartments there, where is everyone going to park, there is no parking in Downtown area. I think it looks pretty good right now and we shouldn't touch it. We don't know where the stock market is heading and people are loosing their houses; we should save some money and vote no and let's move the question." Bob Ambrose seconded.

Moderator Kahn asked for a show of hands in favor of voting on the question, with the majority in favor of voting he instructed that we would use the gold paper ballots and this is NOT a one hour vote.

Ballots were counted and Article **10** was defeated YES 49 NO 181

ARTICLE 11

To see if the town will vote to designate three certain parcels of land as Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110, as follows:

1. Two parcels formerly owned by Leighton, identified in the town's records as Tax Map R23, Lot 4 located off Saddle Hill Road, comprising 93 acres and Tax Map R32, Lot 11, located on Carleton Road, comprising 79 acres.;
2. One parcel formerly owned by Eames, identified in the town's records as Tax Map R18, Lot 9-a, located on Tucker Mountain Road, comprising 188 acres.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-0, 1 Abstention)

Motion by Peter Brothers and seconded by Colette Worsman to adopt Article 11 as proposed. Selectmen Michel stated that this is an actual designation of land that is not currently a Town Forest to be a Town Forest pursuant to a certain statute. It will guide the Conservation Commission, only to facilitate them when they are taking care of one Town Forest, verses land that has not been designated as Town Forest. Bob Konchak asked. "If we change the designation, what restrictions would be placed on the use from what it is currently being used now?" John Sherman answered, "It is not who uses it, but who manages the land. It is more of what you can and can not do. No additional restrictions will be put on the properties." Selectmen Brothers answered, "This would allow the Conservation Commission the authority to manage this property for forest, wildlife, and any recreational activities." Selectmen Michel read the statute in its

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entirety; this is not a casual designation. Lynn Montana asked if the term, “designate,” means “taking the deed.” Selectmen Michel stated, “The Town already owns the property.”

Being no further discussion, Moderator Kahn asked for a hand vote and by a majority, Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37, the blind exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$15,000 to \$30,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2007.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Colette Worsman and seconded by Miller Lovett to adopt Article 12 as proposed.
Being no discussion Moderator Kahn asked for a hand vote and by a majority, Article 12 passed.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b, II, the elderly exemption from property tax, to increase the income limit on the exemption from property tax from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a single person and from \$25,000 to \$33,000 for married persons. This change would take effect on April 1, 2007.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Miller Lovett and seconded by Peter Miller to adopt Article 13 as proposed.

Richard Gerken asked if the amount is for 33,000 or 35,000 as in the talking points to consider. The Board confirmed that the talking points are incorrect and the amount to be considered is 33,000.

Being no further discussion, moderator called the motion for vote and by majority Article 13 passed.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37-b, III, the disabled exemption from property tax, to increase the income limit on the exemption from property tax from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a single person and from \$25,000 to \$33,000 for married persons. This change would take effect on April 1, 2007.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Peter Miller and seconded by Frank Michel to adopt Article 14 as proposed.
Being no discussion Moderator Kahn called the motion for vote and by majority Article 14 passed.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell either, or both, of the following properties:

1. The Old Police Station Building property, Tax Map U10, Lot 34, located at 347 Daniel Webster Highway;
2. The Town Hall Annex Building property, Tax Map U07, Lot 43, located at 5 Highland Street.

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Any such sale shall be upon such terms and conditions and employing such methods to accomplish the sale as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

Further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions reasonably necessary to effect the sale of one or both of these properties. This warrant article shall not be construed to require the Board of Selectmen to sell either or both of the properties, but as granting authority to do so.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Frank Michel and seconded by Peter Brothers to adopt Article 15 as proposed.

Pat Mack commented, "Last year we voted the New Police Station in and selling the old Station and putting the funds towards building the new station. If we were to sell the Annex where would these offices go?" Selectmen Brothers answered, "The Board is trying to look at all the possibilities and this is needed to allow the Selectmen to explore what would be in the best interest for the Town now, rather than waiting until the next Town meeting." Pat Mack when on to ask how much we were paying to rent the church building and last year it was determined that the Police Station was unsuitable for employees to be in, and asked how much it would cost to be able to put employees there on a day to day basis. Selectmen Brothers believes that the amount is \$900 per month and it has a 3 year option to renew and that is part of the analysis along with the other departments and buildings. Wayne Heiligmann asked what we would do with the Public Works department, or are we planning to lease this for an indefinite amount of time. Selectmen Brothers stated, "As far as who would go where and what would go where, in terms of the Old Police Station, the Annex and the DPW, that has not been determined at this point and we are trying to keep all the options open." Pam Bliss stated, "We can't keep building and saying that we have a need and then keep keeping. We have to get rid of something. Point 3 speaks about the space needs of the Town and Town Departments and I wondered what need the garage at the Town Annex fills?"

Mark Flanders appreciates what the Selectmen are trying to do but would like to see a limit placed on it. Selectmen Michel stated that, after conferring with Town Counsel, if no time limit were placed on it, eventually it would get stale. We are trying to use what we have and not try to buy third party property and a limit should be placed on it. Mark went on to further ask what time limit would be suggested. Selectmen Miller spoke that he firmly believed that this matter would come to a head within the next 12 months. Once the Selectmen have reviewed and analyzed and come to some decisions they would bring it to the Voters at large.

Selectmen Michel stated that, after speaking with Town Counsel, Tim Bates, it would be recommended to be 2 years. It would give plenty of time for completion. Marie Valliere stated, "I am looking at last years' Article 6 and it states that, if and when the Old Police station is sold at fair market value the monies received will be placed in the general fund unreserved fund balance compensating for the \$500,000 withdrawn. I take that as implied consent. We already gave the board permission to sell the property so why are we asking permission again?" Selectmen Brothers answered, "It only gave the option for the current police station. The point here it to determine what is the better property to retain." Marie asked, "If that building was unfit and we voted to sell it, why it is on this year's Article?" Lynn Montana agreed with Marie that she remembered the same thing and also the sales speech as to why we needed to purchase the Annex, for \$750,000 and upgrades and now we are talking about selling this building which we have only owned for a few years. I feel that you should do your homework and then bring it to us to vote on and we should vote this down now.

Mike Faller stated that he would not like to see what happened 10 years ago when the Town had a chance to buy the land that the Community Center sits on for \$74,000 and we turned that down then turned around 2 years ago and voted to pay \$500,000. I would not like to see us sell a building for \$300 or \$400 thousand and then find out 4 years down the road that we have to buy it back for more money.

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I think it is very prudent to take the time to look at both and it may mean that we may not even sell either of them and possibly put a department in there on a temporary basis until the space needs committee can identify those needs and follow through with what is in the best interest of the Town. Bob Flanders corrected the figure that Lynn Montana used of \$750,000, there was a Town Hall expendable trust of \$450,000 we paid less than \$310,000 for the building and did renovations to both the Annex and the Town Hall all within the amount \$450,000. I support this Article and since we met at Town Meeting last year we had to put a new roof on the Old Police station, and then a CO problem developed, and both furnaces were replaced, and a few months later the check valve on the sewer line failed and put 6 inches of sewage in the building and by courtesy of the insurance company, those repairs were made and we got all new floor coverings, so it is not in the same condition as it was last year. I would like to make a motion that a sunset provision be placed on it for 24 months/2 years to study it, so that would give us enough time. Selectmen Worsman suggested that the words," for a period of 2 years," be added between the word "authorize" and "the." Bob Flanders motioned to amend the Article as Selectmen Worsman suggested, seconded by Mark Flanders. Richard Juve asked why not authorize the board to study the issue and at the next Town Meeting they can ask us for a decision. Karen Sticht motioned to table Article 15, seconded by Pam Bliss.

Moderator Khan asked for a hand vote to the motion of tabling the Article 15, two thirds vote required.

YES 101 NO 88

Motion to table Article failed the two thirds vote.

Discussion continued: Gary Lemay moved the motion, seconded by someone in the back. Dan Cornelissen asked for a clarification about last year's Town Meeting and the motion made to sell the property? Selectmen Michel answered, "The motion was to take \$500,000 from the general fund to offset the costs. That was the motion voted in. What is below the line, were the minutes that discussed the selling but the minutes are not binding. Dan stated that although he was not in favor of the Police Station, when we discussed the selling of the current Police station to help offset the cost it was then he felt he could support it and feels that was part of the package we voted on last year.

Selectmen Michel stated that the Selectmen do not have the authority to sell the Police Station for \$500,000. Bob Ambrose asked Selectmen Michel why we did not ask permission to sell these properties. Selectmen Michel stated that we need to have the option to sell if we deemed it necessary, the best thing we did was to utilize the old snow dump across from Ambrose Brothers which cost us nothing for the New Police Station. Mike Faller stated that the question had been moved.

Moderator Kahn called the vote and by a show of voter cards Article 15, as amended, passed.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to designate Blueberry Hill Road, in the Town of Meredith, as a Scenic Road. Blueberry Hill Road is located within the town of Meredith.

(Petitioned by 10 or more Registered Voters)

Motion by Peter Brothers and seconded by Colette Worsman, to adopt Article 16 as proposed.

June Noreen spoke in favor of the Article.

Moderator Kahn called the vote and by a show of voter cards, Article 16 passed.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the 2007 Parks & Recreation Department Budget by instructing the Board of Selectmen to convert the position of Office Clerk to full-time, and to make whatever transfers between line items are necessary to accomplish that change without an increase to the budget.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

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Motion by Colette Worsman and seconded by Miller Lovett to adopt Article 17 as proposed.

Beverly Heyduk spoke for this Article, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission, stating that it would not add any money to their budget and it is a pivotal position, being the first contact with the public, along with many of the other administrative supportive requirements. Mark Flanders asked, "If this was binding, in light of the previous weeks School Meeting that allowed the increase of the budget to keep a Sandwich secretary for the school, basically, to increase the budget but it was non-binding, with what the Board did with the money. By passing this article can we even force the Board to save this position or do we have the authority to tell you to spend money within the operating budget?" Colette Worsman responded, "Any approval here only authorizes the dollar amount for this Board to spend. Its advisory and certainly I take seriously what the voters want us to do. I do have to say and I am not going to repeat what Peter Miller said in his impassioned speech about the very difficult decisions we had to make on personnel issues for this town. We tried exceedingly hard to hold to the budget and as you will know when we get to the final Article, that we never found a final equilibrium. Two of us were not in favor and three were in favor. In this situation, if you allow this to happen, then there is nothing to stop a department head from coming before us and saying, well as long as I stay within my budget I want to be able to add this personnel or move things around, this way or that way. In the long run, personnel are our largest expense and it's a carrying expense that goes on from year to year. Though this might be making it a full time, one full time position, there were some other part time positions that truly tore at our heart strings that we really wanted to approve but in order to keep this budget in line we couldn't approve. Speaking as one Selectman and as much as I appreciate the Community Center, I hope that this would not be approved." Dennis Boulanger stated, "These cuts were obviously seen at Child's Park in Meredith Center and will this continue if we hire another person. I have nothing against the person they are speaking of, but I think that this is the wrong way to go about this and it should be done in the proper way." Pam Bliss stated, "The building is heavily used, and we may not want to fund this but someone needs to be in that building. There was money recently wasted by spending .63 per invitation to the Opening of the Police station, we should not suffer because of poor budgeting".

Dave Sticht stated, "Somewhere along the line, the budget might have been out of line because all during the budget process they were having trouble cutting items and now there is money to cover the cost of the full time position with benefits." Richard Gerken spoke in favor of the Article stating "The Selectmen have a difficult position and control verses the employee, the Parks and Recreation Dept. and their observation of the day to day operation. I have the utmost respect for Vint, his staff and the Select board but believe it is more efficient recognizing the expertise of the already trained person, over the possibility of having to hire a couple of part-timers who may not have the dedication and motivation. Vint and his staff would like to be able to make some sacrifices in some areas in order to facilitate this change and we should approve this warrant article." Pat Mack spoke against for the reasons mentioned by Selectmen Worsman, what will stop other department heads from doing the same thing. The amount of hours that the Center is open, this person will not be able to cover all of them, making it necessary to hire part time help to cover and doesn't see that as a hindrance. David Sticht, point of order, "He is not a resident of Meredith and we have not given him permission to speak." Carl Johnson Jr. asked the public to give Mr. Choiniere permission to speak even though he is not a resident and that is a motion.

Moderator Kahn asked for a show of hands as to whether Vint should be allowed to speak (by show of hands, majority voted yes). He further stated "It is not necessarily a rule that you have to be a resident in order to speak at a Town Meeting. When you have someone who is an expert or a Town Employee, the fact that he is a non resident does not prevent him from speaking to the issue within his field of expertise." Vint Choiniere stated, "This solution has been addressed several times and several different ways with the board. I don't view any of this article as any sort of power struggle whatsoever.

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We, the Parks and Recreation Administration and our team at the Community Center very much respect the difficulty that Colette speaks about that the Board of Selectmen have each year to arrive at their decisions. One of the first items that he listed as being able to remove would be the addition of a ramp at the skate park, how in the world would that have a negative impact?" He then made reference to the factual sheet that was handed out and stated that it is not the person themselves but the fact that they are trained and responsible for handling all of the cash receipting, accurate record keeping of every thing that the department does, and trying to do it in 29 hours over the amount of hours the Center is open, the Center is growing, and this position is growing as well. Selectmen Miller spoke against the Article, stating that he considered himself a friend of the Parks and Recreation but what is being proposed in Article 17 makes very good sense, but in terms of the overall budget of Meredith, it is unwise. If this passes the Selectmen can find the money to delete within the overall budget, to pay for the full time costs of the full time person, plus the benefits. The benefits for a full time position are approximately \$18,000 per year, which is a lot of money for an additional 11 hours per week. At the beginning of the whole budget process they received unsolicited communication from a fairly broad spectrum of taxpayers and the message was pretty much the same, come to us with a leaner budget. One of the ways we can accomplish this is by keeping this position a part-time position we can find the \$18,000 in other line items, most likely for this year. But if this Article passes, this position will need to be financed each and every year and when was the last time the Town has cut a full-time position? He gave the example of having to turn down the Police Department when they asked for another full-time Police Officer due to growth, also the request for another full-time person for the Public Works. Carol Gerken (Director of the Meredith Senior Center) spoke in favor of the Article on behalf of the Senior Program. Paula Trombi spoke in favor of the Article stating, "We should give some discretion to the Parks and Recreation Director in knowing what is needed to run this growing facility." Carl Johnson Jr. spoke in favor of this Article stating that it took us 50 years to build this Center and before we celebrate its first birthday we are going to take it down by Mickey Mousing the benefits package without looking at the value that it adds to the Community. Bob Flanders spoke for the Article stating that we are victims of our own success. The Community Center took on more duties, for example maintaining the parks and beaches which requires this position to schedule added duties. Selectmen Lovett spoke in favor stating that the Director had already come to the Board several times cutting more and more in order to keep this person full-time, and went on to ask the voters to pass this with high numbers, so that the Board will make sure it takes place. Moderator Kahn asked that due to the time, he is going to limit the speakers to 3 minutes. Elizabeth Obelenus stated that she was surprised that this building was envisioned without this position being full time. Brian Flanders moved the question. Moderator Kahn called for the vote and by a show of voter cards, Article 17 passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to close the following expendable trusts funds as the purpose of the expendable trusts have been completed, there are no available funds for these trusts:

<u>Name of Expendable Trust</u>	<u>Year of Fund</u>
Reconstruction Refuse	Prior to 1995
Conservation Land Acquisition	Prior to 1995
Community Center Fund	1999
Property Assessment Maintenance	2002
Police Department Land/Building	2005

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Miller Lovett, seconded by Peter Miller, to adopt Article 18 as proposed.
No discussion. By hand vote Article 18 passed in the majority.

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ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-1)

Motion by Peter Miller, and seconded by Frank Michel to adopt Article 19 as proposed.

No discussion. By hand vote Article **19** passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Frank Michel, and seconded by Peter Brothers, to adopt Article 20 as proposed.

No discussion. By hand vote Article **20** passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Water Treatment Disinfection Change Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-1)

Motion by Peter Brothers, and seconded by Miller Lovett, to adopt Article 21 as proposed.

No discussion. By hand vote Article **21** passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Water Improvements Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-1)

Motion by Miller Lovett, and seconded by Peter Miller, to adopt Article 22 as proposed.

Karen Sticht stated that this sounds like what this is doing, is what the Bond is going to do already, so where will these places going to be helped? Selectmen Miller answered, "The Bond issue voted on tonight only addresses a certain area of the Town's water system needs, and there are others that have been identified. This amount would go into the kitty and that will eventually be used to do the improvements that have been recommended." Dona Murray asked if there is a difference between what the users pay and what the non users pay. Selectmen Michel answered and Brenda Vittner confirmed that this is not a taxable event, but that it needs to be appropriated. The transfer of these funds is taken from the fees that are collected for the water, which is 100% by the users.

Moderator Kahn called for the vote and by a show of hands Article **22** passed in the majority.

Moderator Kahn read the results from Article **4**

YES 218 NO 22

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ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 4-1)

Motion by Colette Worsman, and seconded by Frank Michel, to adopt Article 23 as proposed. Dona Murray asked if the Town employees have a use it or lose it, as is in the private sector. Carol Granfield answered that yes we do however, what is left in there when the employee leaves, they need to be compensated for what they have left coming to them, but it is not open ended. Dona went on to ask why the amount was so high, which Carol Granfield answered, "If everyone were to leave today you need to have that available." Moderator Kahn called the vote and by a show of hands, Article **23** passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for the water project designated at the Prescott Park/Circle Drive Water Loop and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. This is the first year of a two-year project. These Funds are non-lapsing until December 31, 2008 or project completion.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Peter Brothers, and seconded by Colette Worsman, to adopt Article 24 as proposed. No discussion. By a hand vote Article **24** passed in the majority.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0)

Motion by Colette Worsman, seconded by Miller Lovett, to adopt Article 25 as proposed. No discussion. By a hand vote Article **25** passed in the majority.

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ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Two Dollars (\$11,879,842.00) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-2)

Motion by Peter Miller, and seconded by Frank Michel, to adopt Article 26 as proposed.

(Because of the error in the wording of the Article 26, "Fifty Four Thousand" the following motion was made). Motion by Peter Brothers, and seconded by Peter Miller, to **amend Article 26** as follows:

To see if the Town Will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Million, Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Two Dollars** (11,879,842.00) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget.

Moderator Kahn asked for a hand vote on the Amendment for Article 26. Amendment passed in the majority.

Steve Merrill spoke against the budget stating that every year the budget has increased, this year being 7%. He suggested that there be a 2% cut across the board exclusively of debt. By reducing the amount by 186,000, bringing the amount down to \$11,693,842, seconded by Phil McGowan. Bob Ambrose agreed with Steve Merrill. Mark Flanders agreed with the premise of this and a small cut like this should be given to the department heads to let them decide where the 2% would come from. Paula Trombi spoke against this asking if this is like the school board, where you can't really cut from the whole budget because of laws that prevent you from cutting in different areas and it ends up coming out of a very small area. Selectmen Michel stated that you can't cut debt, or obligations. Selectmen Miller spoke against the amendment at length, pointing out the many areas like the utilities, staffing of the Community Center, were unrealistically low. The discretionary aspect of the Budget is very lean. Dona Murray stated that she was concerned that the employees were only paying 15% into the insurance.

Selectmen Worsman answered that they did form a committee to review the health insurance and we were able to limit the increase to a very small amount and went from a PPO to an HMO. We were able to make some strides. She went on to state that the 2% would be doable but it may hurt a little bit. She hopes that the Community Center is not a Diamond that we can no longer afford. Karen Sticht stated, "With the Community Center being the Gem of the area, what about the other buildings that are being underutilized and overstaffed with custodians, can't we have some type of balance?" Charles Stone spoke for the amendment of the 2%. Selectmen Lovett stated that approximately 5 million dollars are wages, salaries, and benefits. If you go to the other 5 million you would have to cut that 4% to get to the \$200,000. Any cut would be painful but \$200,000 would be too painful. Selectmen Brothers supports the original Budget, there are other communities that have deferred their capital projects and made their Towns unattractive to their townspeople due to tax caps and other fiscal constraints. I feel that it is in the best long term interest of this town. Mike Fallor spoke against the amendment. This will impact the budget but, if it passes, then the services will be affected and felt by the taxpayers. He then moved the amended article. Moderator Kahn asked for a show of hands to stop debate and vote on the amendment by a show of hands, it was passed.

Moderator Kahn called for a hand vote on the **2nd amendment** to **Article 26**, which was proposed by Steve Merrill and seconded by Phil McGowan. **The 2nd Amendment was defeated.** YES 46 NO 89

Moderator Kahn then called for a hand vote on Article 26, **as amended by motion of Selectmen Peter Brothers and Peter Miller. By a show of hands, Article 26 passed in the majority.**

Town Meeting 2007 adjourned at 11:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Jones
Town Clerk

Administrative Services

Administrative Services encompasses many functions:

Brenda L. Vittner , Director

1. Finance – Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll, General Ledger, Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These are pronouncements from the Federal Government for Government entities to follow.
2. Purchasing – Purchasing of goods and services through State bids or preparation of bids to help the Town obtain the best quality for the lowest price.
3. Utility Billing – Billing for Water and Sewer utilities
4. Town Report Preparation
5. General Assistance
6. Information Technology – support of the Town’s computer systems
7. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – mapping of Town property

Finance

Carrie Compton, Disbursement Accountant
Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

Administrative Services continues to be a hub of activity, meeting the needs of both external and internal clients. This department is responsible for the daily, monthly and yearly financial activities of the Town. Members of the department are a resource for the Board of Selectmen, Taxpayers, Town Departments, and other Boards and Commissions. The department includes, Carrie Compton, Linda Labraney, Michelle Therrien and Eric Ferland. The responsibilities of the department listed above, are all time sensitive as well as requiring everyone to work together to accomplish the goals of the Town. Daily, there are significant requests needing attention, as well as working to meet deadlines for various reporting functions. The Town Report is a yearly project for Linda Labraney and is always handled professionally and competently. She is also responsible for Accounts Receivable, Purchasing, GASB/Insurance, and Utility Billing . Carrie Compton handles Accounts Payable, Payroll and General Ledger functions which need to be handled with confidence and professionalism. The department works as a team to help everyone accomplish the various goals that the Town sets for itself each year.

General Assistance

Brenda L. Vittner, Director
Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

During 2007, the Town of Meredith assisted a record breaking number of over one hundred clients. New Hampshire RSA 165 requires each Town to assist people who live within their jurisdiction, who have no other means of support, who require temporary assistance, or whose bare minimum expenses exceeds their customary income. Following the Town of Meredith’s guidelines, assistance has been granted for food, rent, heat, utilities, and prescriptions. Our General Assistance hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, however in the event of an emergency, someone is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Several clients were able to repay the Town of Meredith for assistance granted by either participating in our Work Program or by cash reimbursement. This shows the willingness to work and take responsibility for ones own debt. We would like to thank those who were willing and able to repay the Town and we also would like to thank all of the local churches that work with us to assist those in need.

Administrative Services

Information Technology

Eric Ferland, Information Technology

Information Technology had a very successful 2007 improving communications, disaster recovery, and network reliability. Information Technology has eliminated the aging and detached pop email system with an efficient intergraded Exchange system. Information Technology was heavily involved in the network transfer from the old Police Station to the new Police Station at 400 Daniel Webster Highway. With extensive planning, testing and a lot of patience from the Police Department personnel the network including workstations, were up and running with no disruption to public safety or services. Using the existing fiber optic network the Community Center now serves as a redundant back up for the Towns vital records and communications. The back-up at the Community Center is a failsafe and would be needed if the tape back-ups that are run nightly somehow get destroyed or fail.

Information Technology responded to approximately 600 emails containing questions in relation to non-functional phones, unresponsive applications, anomalies in queried data, website updates/changes, and network connection and sharing issues.

Geographic Information Systems

Michelle Therrien, GIS Specialist

The Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer based tool that helps various Town departments, committees and citizens to visualize spatial information to enhance the planning and decision making processes, which are important to the Town's present conditions and future visions. Good decision making relies on accurate information and it is my goal to provide the most useful, accurate and up to date GIS data as possible.

In 2007, many of the Town's data layers have been enhanced with more comprehensive information so that patterns and relationships between different land elements are more readily apparent for visual and analysis purposes. The information contained in the data has been used in many projects, including:

- ♦ a preliminary build out analysis of the Page Pond properties
- ♦ base maps and GPS data for the New Meredith Town Forest Planning Project
- ♦ data and field assistance for studies in the Waukewan Watershed
- ♦ development of an innovative Septic System Analysis database
- ♦ updating of the Assessing departments tax maps and Sales Map
- ♦ updates to the Street Map, Zoning Map and Water System Service Area Map
- ♦ creation of various ArcReader maps

The use of published maps for ArcReader is currently being utilized by the Conservation Commission, Community Development and Parks & Recreation, and it is my goal to make this resource available to other interested departments and committees.

Assessing

Staff: Menta Martel, Assessing Office Manager, Bettina Ford, Real Estate Appraiser
James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor

In 2007 we began our cyclical re-inspection program. This is a program where 20% of the Town will be re-visited each year so that after five years each property will have been reviewed. All property owners will be notified by mail prior to our data collector visiting the property. If the owner is not home at the time of visit a yellow door tag will be left with instructions to set up an appointment. This program will eliminate the need for a costly revaluation every five or ten years.

In addition to our re-inspection program, 2008 is Meredith's Re-Certification year. This means that our assessment practices and statistics will be monitored by the Department of Revenue Administration. Our statistics will be measured as of April 1, 2008. We must meet certain established guidelines to pass. Our current Equalization Ratio has been set at 96.3%. This means that a property that sells for \$100,000 would be assessed at \$96,300. Our 2006 ratio was 98.3%. This translates into a market that has been fairly level over the past year. We will continue to perform ratio studies in order to determine whether to update values for April 1, 2008. This may be necessary to comply with State certification guidelines.

Statistics comparing 2006 and 2007:

Year	Number Qualified Sales	Average Sale Price	Number Improved	Average Sale Price	Number Vacant Land	Average Sale Price	Overall Ratio
2006	242	\$369,200	205	\$403,200	37	\$180,800	98.3
2007	251	\$391,600	207	\$429,700	42	\$185,100	96.3
Change	3.7%	5.2%	0.97%	6.60%	13.50%	2.4%	

The Assessing Office staff is here to assist all Meredith property owners.

Please visit the Assessing Department Link on the Town's website www.meredithnh.org for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, and a link to the online assessment database.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford

James Commerford, CNHA
Tax Assessor

Community Development

John C. Edgar, Community Development Director

Bill Edney, Code Enforcement Officer

Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner

Mary Lee Harvey, Administrative Assistant

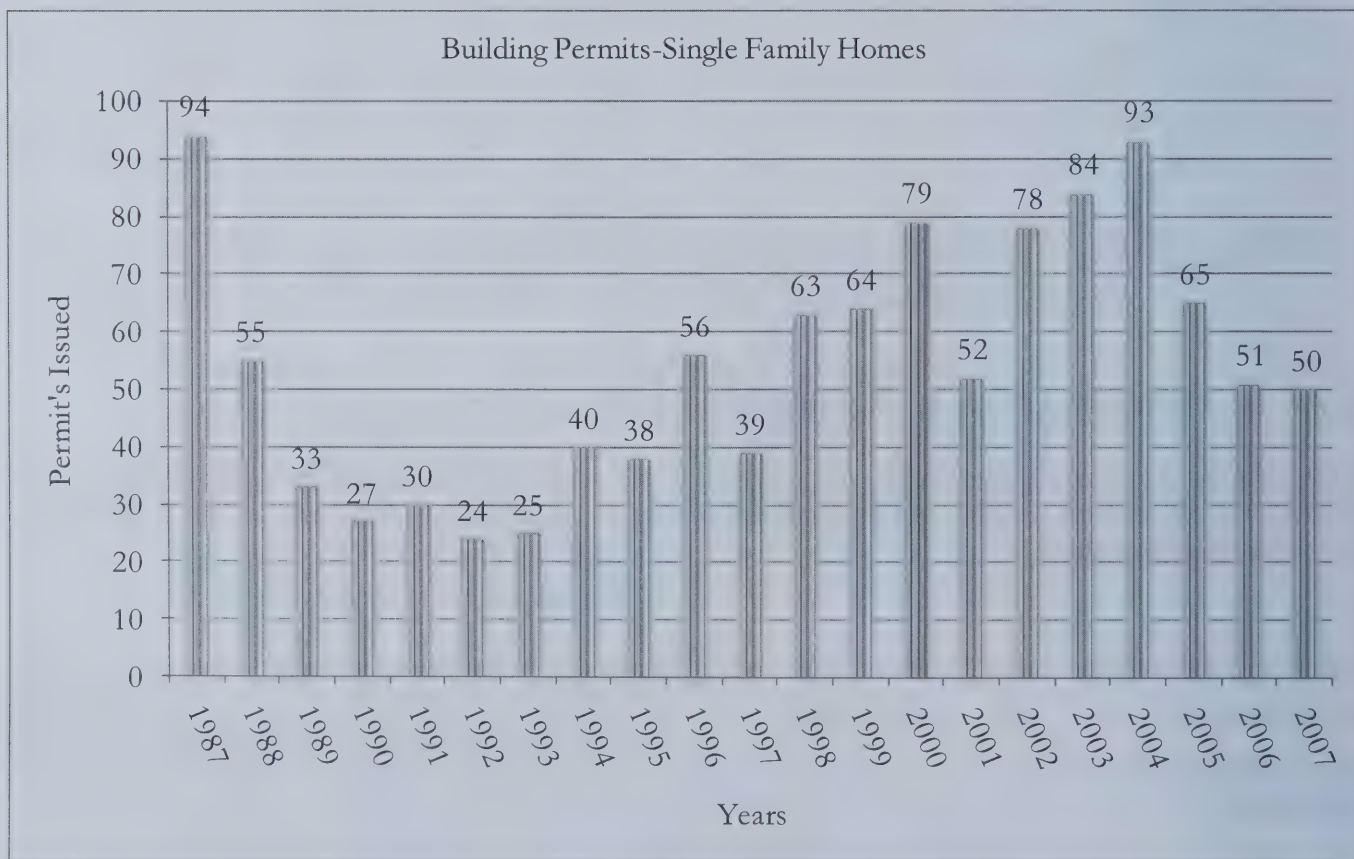
Christine Tivnan, Clerk

The Mission of the Community Development Department is to help the community achieve positive outcomes in land use, natural resource conservation, transportation, housing, public health and economic development. Development activities are reviewed with an emphasis on customer service, quality development and appropriate responses to safety, environmental, and other community concerns. The Department promotes dialogue and informed decision making.

Although economic activity has clearly slowed, development-related activity in 2007 remained significant with ...

1. Building Permits-the total sum of 2007 permit data is on page 38

As you'll see below, (50) single family home permits were issued in 2007. This is consistent with the (51) *single family homes* permitted the year before. However, it is important to note that the totals for 2005 and 2006 indicated below do not include (92) multifamily condominium units permitted in 2005 and 2006.



Community Development continued...

2. Development Projects-2007

Several development projects received various approvals in 2007 with construction expected to start or be completed in 2008. These include:

- ◆ A three-bay commercial building, Foundry Avenue (Pelczar)
- ◆ A two-bay commercial building addition, Waukegan Street (Leighton)
- ◆ Re-development of the Meredith Shopping Center, NH Route 25 (Cross Point Associates)
- ◆ A -3100 square foot dental office, Northview Drive (Appolonia Dental Group)
- ◆ A 6000 square foot warehouse, Northview Drive (Energy Savers)
- ◆ A 9984 square foot financial office building on Northview Drive (NDN Realty Trust)
- ◆ Construction of a portion of Phase II at the Crestwood Estates subdivision, Parade Road
- ◆ Construction of the Corliss Hill Farm subdivision, Corliss Hill Road
- ◆ A 85 unit senior living center, Upper Mile Point Drive (MSS Realty Trust)
- ◆ A 32-unit affordable, multifamily facility, Boynton Road (Laconia Area Community Land Trust)
- ◆ Infrastructure improvements at the Crestview Mobile Home Park, Boynton Road, (LACLT)
- ◆ Construction of a cell tower off NH Route 104 (RCC Atlantic)
- ◆ Relocation of the Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Reservoir Road
- ◆ Expansion of the Inter-Lakes Animal Hospital, US Route 3

3. Planning Projects On-Going in 2007

There are several planning projects on-going in 2007 where we expect significant progress in 2008. These include:

- ◆ Voter consideration of Open Space Subdivision zoning provisions
- ◆ Continued implementation of recommendations within the Waukegan Watershed Management Plan, including a septic system risk analysis (see Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee report on page 42)
- ◆ Development of a strategic water quality protection plan for Meredith Bay
- ◆ Bicycle and pedestrian planning by the Village Pathways Committee
- ◆ Voter consideration of key Capital Improvements Program (CIP) recommendations including the expansion of the central fire station and the Page Pond conservation acquisition project (see CIP Advisory Committee report on page 39)
- ◆ Development of subdivision regulations setting forth a unified set of minimum road standards
- ◆ The Meredith US 3/ NH 25 Improvements Transportation Planning Study, Project Advisory Committee (see PAC report on page 40&41)

Community Development continued...

In November of this year, Angela LaBrecque was hired as the Town Planner. A native of western Massachusetts, Angela brings invaluable private sector planning experience to the department. Angela will focus on shepherding the development review process and providing assistance to various committees. Welcome!

Citizens who volunteer to serve on the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment are instrumental in determining the nature of growth in the community. They must balance the community's interests with the interests of applicants having property rights and the interests of those directly impacted by decisions. These volunteers carry out complex responsibilities with diligence and a commitment to the betterment of Meredith's future. We are indebted to all of our volunteers and their families. In 2007 we experienced the "retirement" of three such committed board members who collectively represent over forty years of experience. Pam Bliss served for eight years on the Planning Board and also served on the CIP Advisory Committee. Fred Hawkins served for thirteen years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ken Haley, the senior member of the ZBA, served for twenty years. We are a better community for your efforts. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Edgar, AICP

Community Development Director

Planning Board Application Summary-2007

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	16	Pre-Application Consultations	3
Home Occupation Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	0
Subdivision Approvals	7	Architectural Design Reviews	9
Boundary Line Adjustment Approvals	3	Revocation and/or Disapproval	0

Zoning Board Summary-2007

Variance Applications	28	Rehearing Requests Received	3
Variances Granted	25	Rehearing Requests Granted	2
Variances Denied	3	Equitable Waivers Granted	1
Special Exception Applications	31	Rehearing Requests Denied	1
Special Exceptions Granted	31	Administrative Decisions Denied	1

Building Permit Activity-2007

New Single-Family Homes	50	Electrical/Plumbing	307
Two-Family Homes	1	Oil Burner	26
Multi-Family Homes (Condo)	0	Garages/Storage Buildings	62
New Commercial Buildings	5	Residential Renovations & Repairs	150
Special Use Permits	21	Commercial Renovations & Repairs	18
Mobile Homes	4	Docks/Boathouses/Repairs	12
Fences	10	Signs	22
Demolition	41	Driveways	28

Capital Improvements Program

Each year, the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee ("CIP Committee") reviews capital needs and recommends a ten year program of capital improvement projects. The primary purpose of the CIP is to aid the Board of Selectmen and the School Board in their consideration of the annual budget.

Over \$19,000,000 of capital improvement projects were identified by the various town departments and the school district. In 2007, debt service accounted for 69.4 % of municipal capital-related appropriations.

The CIP Committee works to balance recommended capital improvements with the fiscal impact on taxpayers. Despite the public support for capital improvements in the past, the unmet needs of our community are significant. The significant demands on limited financial resources requires prioritization of projects; phasing of some projects, pre-funding through the use of expendable trusts, and when necessary bonding of projects along with deferral of some projects to subsequent years.

For 2008, the Committee recommends municipal projects costing (exclusive of debt) \$580,000. The municipal total (inclusive of municipal debt), is \$1,605,764. The combined town and school total (inclusive of debt service) for 2008 is \$1,775,810. Significant projects recommended for 2008 include (1) the expansion of the Fire Station and (2) the acquisition of the 570 acre Page Pond property for conservation purposes.

1. Fire Station. The need to replace the fire station was first identified in 1998. The need was further reinforced in the Report of the Space Needs Committee, 12/6/04. The Town authorized Expendable Trust Funding in recent years to prepare the necessary plans, specifications and cost estimates. A Fire Station Advisory Committee was formed in July 2006. By expanding the facilities at the current firehouse location rather than building a new fire station the Fire Station Committee expects savings of almost one million dollars. The CIP Committee recommended that bond authorization for the project in 2008. The estimated project cost in October, 2007 was \$2,700,000. Full debt payments would begin in 2009.

2. Page Pond. The Conservation Commission in partnership with the Trust for Public Lands and private land owners are pursuing the purchase of 570 acres on Meredith Neck as permanently protected open space for public recreation, water quality protection, wildlife habitat protection, and forest management. The CIP Committee recommended a \$50,000 payment to the Open Space Expendable Trust Fund and a \$400,000 bond issue to be applied towards this specific project. Full debt payments would begin in 2009. This funding, coupled with existing conservation funds, grants, and an unprecedented level of private fund raising will be necessary in order for the acquisition to precede. As an indication of the high conservation value the Conservation Commission places on this project, the Commission offered to forego any requests for payments to the Open Space ETF during the life of the this project's loan.

In addition, the Committee reviewed requests submitted by the Water Department for many significant projects. None were scheduled by the Committee during this cycle. In order for the Committee to assist the Selectman in prioritizing the substantial needs of the Water Department, the Committee requested the following in anticipation of the 2008 amendment cycle; (1) better coordination with other Departments, (2) more reliable cost estimates, (3) a facilities plan, and (4) a financial plan demonstrating how the utility will pay for the requested projects.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to my fellow volunteer committee members for their excellent service on this committee. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Bill Bayard, Chairman
Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee

US Route 3 / NH Route 25 Improvements Study

The Meredith US Route 3 / NH Route 25 Improvements Transportation Planning Study is a transportation planning study of the Route 3 corridor from Route 104 to Route 25 and the Route 25 corridor from Route 3 to the Centre Harbor Town line. It is obvious to users of this corridor that traffic congestion is a serious concern. However, this study is looking beyond traffic and taking a broader look at how the corridor fits within the community. This approach, known as Context Sensitive Solutions or CSS, considers the context within which a transportation improvement project will exist. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has embraced this community driven approach and has selected the Meredith US3/NH 25 Improvements Study as one of the pilot projects for the implementation of CSS.

A unique element of the CSS approach is the formation of a stakeholders group to guide the process. For the Meredith US3/NH 25 Improvements Study, a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed to ensure all aspects of the corridor would be considered. The PAC includes many members representing the Town of Meredith including Town officials and citizens. In addition, members represent transportation and environmental groups. There have been fourteen PAC meetings held over a nearly two year span.

The CSS process has several specific steps that the PAC followed to gain a better understanding of the corridor. The first step was to define the problems that the project helps to solve. The PAC spent several meetings discussing the problems in the corridor and developed a Project Problem Statement, it reads:

Project Problem Statement

The US 3/NH 25 corridor is subject to seasonal congestion caused by vehicle numbers in excess of its capacity and a lack of other east-west regional routes. Conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians compromise the safety and efficiency of the corridor. As it passes through Meredith the corridor does not reflect the character of the area. US 3/NH 25 in Meredith does not appropriately balance the multiple goals of: maintaining Meredith's character; preserving and enhancing its natural and historic resources; fostering economic and social vitality; accommodating a range of transportation modes; and sustaining a high quality of life for residents, visitors, business owners and commuters.

Understanding the existing problems with the corridor is important, but equally important is the long-term vision the communities' desire for the corridor. The solution for the corridor should address the problems identified, but with an understanding of and direction towards achieving the overall vision for the corridor. The PAC developed a Project Vision Statement that addresses the items identified in the Project Problem.

Project Vision Statement

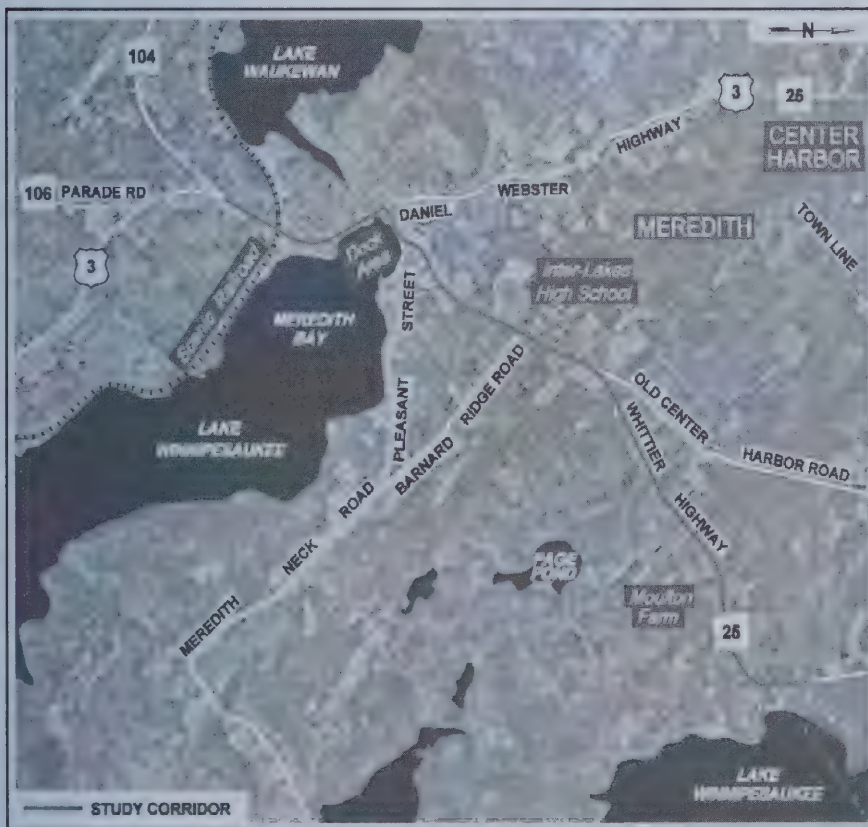
Meredith's village and rural settings will be enhanced by the US 3 /NH 25 corridor, which will allow easy access to village destinations while moving traffic through in a slow, steady, safe and efficient manner. Peak congestion in Meredith and the Region will be mitigated by managing pedestrian flow, educating the public about alternate traffic routes and providing for various modes of transportation. People will feel comfortable walking or cycling on the corridor which will promote the town's social life, recreational offerings, historic features, and economic vitality. Long term viability of the corridor and stewardship of the natural environment and cultural assets will remain a steadfast priority.

US Route 3 / NH Route 25 Improvements Study

The next step was to establish screening criteria, a set of measures to determine whether an alternative addresses the stated project problems and vision. The screening criteria for the project were designed as qualitative criteria to identify whether an alternative was reasonable, and should be carried forward, or was unreasonable, and should be rejected. These criteria were developed before the alternatives were developed.

The final steps involve developing and screening alternatives that hope to address the stated problems and vision. The PAC spend the latter half of 2007 reviewing and commenting on a series of concepts, scenarios, ideas, visions, and alternatives. These include signal and roundabout configurations of the major intersections. The number, width and type of lanes along Route 3 have also been evaluated. A major aspect of the evaluation is the expected traffic performance, which is measured using a traffic model developed specifically for this project. This process is expected to last through the winter and possibly into spring. Once due consideration has been given to all ideas, they will be screened by the PAC.

Residents of Meredith and the Lakes Region are also an important resource in the CSS process. A Public Informational Meeting will be held in the spring to present all project activities and elicit public input. A Project Newsletter will also be available in the near future.



Project Location Map

The Project Website at www.meredith3-25.com has been developed to disseminate project material to those interested and to provide a forum for public comment.

All project materials, documents, presentations, figures, and meeting minutes are posted for review.

A comment/questions page is also provided to allow members of the public to submit their comments or questions to the project team.

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

Our first meeting of the WWAC was held May 26, 2004. After a year of intense research, discussion and cooperation, the committee produced the Waukewan Watershed Management Plan which was accepted by the Meredith Select board in October 2005. The plan has won multiple awards, including the first ever – *Water Source Protection Award* from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The Meredith Board of Selectmen has subsequently declared protecting Meredith's water quality as the Town's #1 Priority. Our dedicated committee continues to meet semimonthly to further our mission and tackle the many important challenges that we face on an ongoing basis. Minutes are published on the town's website and we welcome public input, attendance, and new members if anyone is interested in assisting with our mission.

Some of our committee's recent accomplishments include:

- ◆ Over a dozen watershed management plan presentations to watershed towns and various civic groups
- ◆ Working with the Shore Owner's Association to continue the highly successful Lake Host Program
- ◆ Worked to create Meredith 2-Acre overlay district which reduced zoning density by a factor of eight
- ◆ Initiated the removal of discarded and rotting railroad ties along western shore
- ◆ Working with the Meredith Conservation Commission and other town officials, recommended the establishment of the Feltham Town Forest, 200 acres on the eastern side of Lake Waukewan
- ◆ Recommended the installation of a permanent bathroom facility at Waukewan beach
- ◆ Working with the Meredith Parks & Recreation department, de-emphasized the use of the Waukewan beach in favor of Leavitt beach for organized swimming events
- ◆ Porta-Potti installed at town launching ramp
- ◆ Developed & distributed "Home Heating Oil Tanks - A Hidden Threat" informational article
- ◆ Educational materials updated, published news article, highlighting Waukewan is milfoil free
- ◆ Best Management Practice (BMP) survey completed for Meredith businesses located in watershed
- ◆ Completed 1st round of tributary biological and chemical testing in a joint effort with Plymouth State University/Center for the Environment
- ◆ Completed 2nd year of sampling & testing for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) in Waukewan
- ◆ Working with Meredith DPW and Police departments to upgrade the "No Thru Trucking – Municipal Water Supply" signage on Waukewan Street to prevent transport of hazardous materials
- ◆ Town sewer extension feasibility study for both sides of Lake Waukewan is underway
- ◆ Bilge Pillows distributed freely to all Inboard/Outboard watercraft on Waukewan & Winona
- ◆ Working with Meredith DPW to designate Water Street a "Low Salt Area"

We continue working toward many of the Plan's recommendations, including:

- ◆ Watershed Web Page under development to assist with our education outreach mission
- ◆ Continued monitoring of VOCs in Lake Waukewan
- ◆ Septic system risk assessment, health regulations with a linkage to building permit application
- ◆ Working with the Town of New Hampton to pass 2-Acre overlay district in 2008
- ◆ Establish seasonal stream protection and improve storm water management practices
- ◆ Working with Holderness Planning Board to increase their watershed overlay district to 2-Acres
- ◆ Working with NHDOT to close Waukewan Road to thru trucking of hazardous materials

WWAC meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Meredith Community Center. It welcomes new members who are willing to strive for the protection of the Waukewan watershed. The potential reward of successful protection of a very important watershed would endure for ages.

Conservation Commission

It has been another very busy year for your Conservation Commission. In addition to our scheduled meetings Commission members spend many hours 'in the field' monitoring your Town Forests and conservation easements held by the Town to insure that the public's interests in these properties is protected. These properties range from as far east as Bear Island to as far west as Hermit Woods.

Your Commission reviewed 55 Dredge and Fill project proposals such as docks, culverts, beaches and subdivisions and provided comment related to the protection of natural resources; including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachments on the wetland buffer zone. Buffer zones serve an important function in protecting water quality and wetland dependant species as well as the functioning of the wetland itself. We await the final report from our consultant on the in-depth study of our ten best natural resource areas in Meredith.

In addition your Commission has developed an updated map for the Hamlin/Eames trail system which will be available for the 2008 season. A conservation easement on the Kahn property was accepted by the Select Board which acts as an additional buffer for the Hamlin Town Forest. In addition, two Town-owned lots were added to the Hamlin Town Forest.

The working group formed to explore the various opportunities regarding natural resource conservation, recreational and educational uses available in our newest Town Forest (the former Feltham property) has completed its task. Its final report will be available in early 2008.

Your Conservation Commission contracted with Shaun Lagueux of New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. to update the Forest Stewardship Plan for Dockham Town Forest. Based on that plan, and after a public hearing, the Commission decided to move forward with a modified intermediate thinning to enhance the health of the forest and provide for wildlife.

Water quality continues to be a high priority for the Conservation Commission. Water quality testing, some of which is conducted by the Commission, indicates that most lakes and streams are of pretty good quality, but there are a number of indicators showing up that raise concern in specific areas.

The Conservation Commission initiated a new land conservation project to acquire approximately 575 acres of the Page Pond and Forest property for the citizens of Meredith. This ecologically highly valuable property is located in the eastern portion of town southeast of Moulton Farm (another Conservation Commission protected area) at the head of Meredith Neck. The Commission has teamed up with the Trust for Public Lands (a non-profit conservation organization) and a number of concerned private Meredith citizens who have formed a private fund raising campaign to help the Town fund this project. In addition, the State of New Hampshire has offered to provide \$400,000 towards this very important conservation project which will be considered as a warrant article at the 2008 Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don MacFarlane,-Chairman

Pauli Novicki-Vice Chairman

Ralph Pisapia-Treasurer

Bob LeCount-Secretary

Members: Peter Miller, Barbara Smyth, Dan Heyduk

Alternates: Jacquie Colburn, Paul Del Frari, John Sherman, Terry Lance, Paula Wanzer

Fire

Perhaps the best description of 2007 is enthusiasm and anticipation. The year started with a flurry of activity, both in terms of call volume and planning for the possibility of being able to present a fire station design supported by our taxpaying membership to the Town's residents at this year's Town meeting. As the year progressed our call volume tapered off slightly, ending the year having responded to 354 calls for emergency services down slightly for the third year in a row. With respect to the building program, the Select Board approved building advisory committee spent considerable time this past year moving to a point where a building program will be ready for presentation to the residents of the Town of Meredith. All of this being done so that the building program will have reasonable assurances that construction will be completed within budget and the completed building will fit the village character; be of a quality that will have longevity and operational efficiency; and will meet the needs for years to come, much like the existing facility.

Our present facility was designed and built in the mid 1950's. It was well thought out and equally well constructed. As a result, it is still functional after over 50 years of service; however, with changes in apparatus design, the variety of demands placed upon us by the public and the need to improve the efficiency with respect to work performed by our volunteers there is the need to update our facility. This need has been supported by past Select Boards; the Capital Improvement Program; the residents at past town meetings; the Town's space needs committee; an internal Department building committee; and, a fire station building advisory committee comprised of Meredith taxpayers appointed by the Select Board. This past year, the Committee was able to focus on the many details of a building proposal including: reviewing studies of the existing building, including its structural integrity, determination of the presence of asbestos, lead and hydrocarbons and test borings to determine soil conditions at the existing site; and, finalizing the design of a proposed building. The final design that is being recommended will incorporate the existing station with an addition to the North end of the building. Although the site is not as large as one would like, using twelve different criteria and studying eight possible locations, the existing site was far superior. With an addition to the existing station, a major problem of keeping the Department in service throughout the construction period has been overcome.

Hopefully by the time that you read this report you will have attended one of our open houses or have seen our presentation on the public access channel, we have tried to explain and share with everyone what has been done and why we are recommending the building program at this time.

On another subject, many of you may have read or heard this past year our Department was awarded a Federal grant in excess of \$90,000, of which the Town's share was under \$5,000. The purpose of this grant was to replace the breathing apparatus used by our firefighters when entering a toxic atmosphere such as extinguishing a building fire. The units that we replaced were originally acquired in the early 1980's and through proper testing and maintenance they have served us well for the past 25 years. While we had been annually setting aside funds for this purpose and to also replace protective clothing and other personal protective equipment, we were able to reduce significantly the amount needed to place in the reserve as a direct result of this grant. As of this report our volunteer firefighters now all have up-to-date breathing apparatus and protective clothing, thereby protecting them so that they can safely perform their duties at the Fire Department and return safely to their families and jobs.

Fire continued...

As indicated above we ended the year with 354 calls for assistance, which represented a 2% decrease, compared to the preceding year. A recap of our call volume follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	6.8%	6.1%	6.7%	6.7%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	12.7	8.9	14.4	13.2
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	29.9	31.1	28.0	28.3
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	<u>50.6</u>	<u>53.9</u>	<u>50.9</u>	<u>51.8</u>
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Total number of calls	<u>354</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>357</u>
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“Fire Related” calls represent all types of fires, including structures, vehicle, brush, etc. The majority of the fire related calls were brush and motor vehicle fires and in all cases, there were no personal injuries. Fortunately we were involved with only a couple of structure fires. As fuel prices increase, more people are considering alternative sources of heating their homes. Please use extreme caution if you are considering using an alternative source, for example before you light up the wood stove, consider having a professional perform an inspection to determine the safety of your intentions. We at the Fire Department are always glad to assist if you should have questions or would like a brochure on a variety of safety matters, such as fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, home inspections, etc.

“Mutual Aid” calls are those where a neighboring community has an emergency situation and due to the need for either additional equipment and/or manpower, requests the assistance of our Department. As a participant in the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid, we periodically are called upon to help our neighboring towns, as they in turn are called upon to help us in our time of need.

“Rescue Calls” nearly 80% of our rescue calls are for motor vehicle accidents. It is the responsibility of the Police Department to investigate the cause of these accidents; however, from our observations, the vast majority of the accidents that we respond to are caused by the lack of attention to the driving function, such as talking on a cell phone, driving too fast for the conditions, etc. So please drive safely!

The last category, **“Public Assist”** includes a large variety of call types such as fuel spills, downed power lines, alarm activations (smoke and carbon monoxide detectors), and good intent calls (typically these are calls where the caller thought that there was a problem, which ended up not being the case - if you care enough to call, care enough to investigate the matter, maybe you can help someone in need). This past year we responded to 179 of these types of calls, of which 69 were related to alarm activations. Generally, alarm activations are referred to as “False Alarms”, and are most often the result of a lack of maintenance, such as not changing batteries regularly or not having detectors serviced periodically. In most instances once an owner is made aware of the problem, it is corrected and repeat false alarms are eliminated. For those of you who have an alarm system that is monitored by an alarm company, please contact the Fire Department and discuss the advantages of installing a Knox box at the premises. This is a secure way to store a key to your premise and it greatly facilitates our Department in gaining timely access should you not be available to give us entry.

Fire continued...

Now that we have discussed false alarms, a question to ask yourself is:

“How many alarm activations may **not** occur when needed?” For this reason, you should test your detectors to help reduce the possibility of one not working when it should. Most detector manufacturers suggest that a smoke and carbon monoxide detectors be replaced with a new unit every ten years – this is not a huge expense, and the alternative could very well be much more costly.

Please join the Department in thanking all who assist in making the Meredith Fire Department the great team that it is. This team includes our auxiliary, the explorer post, **and** the families and employers, who so generously allow our members to continue in their efforts to serve the citizens and visitors to Meredith. Thank you and please have a safe and healthy new year.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles G. Palm, Fire Chief

Forest Fire Warden

Much like last year, the weather contributed to limiting the number of calls for fire control. The number of responses by our department continued at a high level due to receiving complaints relative to outdoor burning. Nearly all of these proved to be without merit; however, these complaints did require a response by someone from our Department.

To help avoid having the fire department show up, please follow a few simple guidelines:

- ♦ Obtain a permit - Permits are required to be obtained by the **landowner** whenever a fire is kindled out-of-doors. There is no charge for the permit, which can be obtained at the Downtown Fire Station, the Town Office, Y-Landing Marina or the Meredith Center Store. Also be prepared to show a photo ID, such as a driver's license. The **ONLY** time that a permit is **NOT** required is when there is adequate snow cover, which is long overdue this year. Please check our Smokey the Bear signs. If the burning conditions are displayed, such as “LOW, MODERATE, etc.”, a permit is necessary. Permits are good for up to three days, starting with the day of issue. Seasonal permits for certain types of fires are also available. Should you kindle a fire without a valid permit, fines by the State in the amount of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail can be levied. It should be kept in mind, even with a valid permit, that under State law, any damage caused as a result of a kindled fire becomes the obligation of the party responsible for kindling the fire, including the **cost of suppression**.
- ♦ Be obviously present while burning - Not only is this a requirement, it also reduces many of the complaints that we receive that “There is a fire and no one is present”.
- ♦ Complete extinguishment - When you are done with your burning, make sure that the fire is completely extinguished. Extinguishment does not mean throwing a little sand on the fire, it means soaking it down thoroughly.

In closing, on behalf of myself, and our local deputy wardens, we all appreciate everyone's awareness and express our sincere thanks in helping us do our job.

Remember Smokey the Bear's slogan – ***“Only you can prevent forest fires”***.

Charles G. Palm, Warden

Meredith Public Library Trustees

What a year it has been.

We have gone through an extensive search for a new Library Director: advertising the position, reviewing and checking credentials, interviewing, and decision making.

We have upgraded the library's computer automation system.

We have renovated the existing heating system and chimney in preparation for a new, more efficient replacement furnace in 2008.

We have participated in the Town's new budget preparation process.

We have bid a fond farewell with many thanks to retiring Library Director Lydia Torr, retiring Assistant Library Director Marilyn Rushton and retiring Children's Librarian Linda Morgan.

We welcome and thank our new Library Director, Erin Apostolos, our veteran Judy Hodges with her promotion to Assistant Library Director, and our new Children's Librarian, Jesse Wright.

A special thanks to Judy Hodges for shouldering many burdens during this transition period and for working so tirelessly with our Treasurer, Duncan McNeish, hammering out the 2008 budget. Thanks also to Brenda Vittner and Carol Granfield for their valued guidance in that process.

We would like to thank all of our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts during the past year:
Outreach/AV Librarian Victoria Lang, Young Adult/Technical Services Librarian Joan O'Neil, Interlibrary Loan Librarian Susan Brackett, Assistant Children's Librarians Barbara Clymer and Pat Plattner, Assistant Young Adult Librarian Karen Henchey, Assistant Circulation Librarian Carol Gable, and Library Aides Bernadette Loesh, Jan Norlin, and Prue Tylenda.

Also a special thank you to our volunteers this past year:
June Noreen, Anne Whiting, Danielle Scott, Jim Rushton, Kristen Pickle, and Gary Mason.

We would like to thank Mike Faller, Al Bolduc, Paul Ristaino and their dedicated crews for help in keeping our grounds and antique building functioning.

A thank you to our loyal patrons for being supportive during this transitional year. Please stop in and introduce yourselves to our new staff members. I have no doubt that the library's services will be warm, friendly and efficient as always.

And last, but certainly not least, a thank you to the trustees who have worked tirelessly on the significant transitions that the board faced this year, Vice Chair Linda Matson, Treasurer Duncan McNeish, Secretary Rhetta Colon, and Board members, Laurie Brothers, Del Clough, and Jay Tivnan.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stevens Eldridge, Chair

Meredith Public Library

This year library staff is to be commended for continuing to provide outstanding service to their patrons despite many challenges. Through illness, retirements and role changes the staff performed their duties professionally and enthusiastically. We wish to thank them and our patrons for their patience during a time of many changes.

We also wish to thank Paul Ristaino and his team for continuing to support us with our maintenance projects and keeping our grounds in first rate condition. Thank you to all for responding quickly, courteously and efficiently.

Lois Morris is continually missed by patrons and staff alike and we wish her the very best in her ongoing recovery. In June there was a late afternoon celebration of Lydia Torr's thirty-seven years of dedicated service and in November we had a morning festivity to honor the retirement of Marilyn Rushton after an impressive forty-two years. The staff and patrons wish them well in all future endeavors.

In March the children bid a fond farewell to their beloved librarian Linda Morgan. Jessie Wright our new children's librarian had a very successful summer reading program with nearly two hundred children participating. In the fall young patrons were thrilled to participate in her pumpkin scavenger hunt as well as many other programs. Jessie has many plans for the upcoming year and we warmly welcome her.

After eleven years as a technology assistant Judy Hodges was promoted to Co-Assistant Director in June and Assistant Director in December. Judy looks forward to the challenges her new role will present.

In December the trustees appointed new Director Erin Apostolos to begin January 2, 2008. Erin lives in Alexandria with her husband and was thrilled to be offered the position. She will strive to continue the outstanding service to patrons and the community as established under Lydia Torr.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Apostolos, Library Director

Judy Hodges, Assistant Director

Annual Circulation Report	
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Audio Visual Materials	26,413
Books	58,724
Periodicals	2,327
Costumes	389
Interlibrary Loans	1,762
Reference Questions Answered	2,320
Number of Registered Patrons	6,529
Passes to NH Learning/Recreation	58
Internet Usage	6,899

Acquisitions	
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Audio Visuals	586
Books	2,513
Gifts	310
Lost/Discarded	2,127
Total Circulation	89,673
Total Inventory	46,201

Parks and Recreation

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2007. Thank you also to town and school officials, members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Fire, Police, Water and Planning & Zoning Departments for their continued support of our activities.

Thanks also for the support and cooperation we receive from the Inter-Lakes Youth Soccer Association, Lakes Region Youth Softball League, and the Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League. Thank you to Carl Johnson, Jr. and Scott Burns for their tremendous volunteer support of many projects and activities over the past several years.

We would also like to thank our Parks & Recreation Department team members and Program Instructors who are all professionals in their fields. They take great pride in offering interesting and healthy recreational opportunities to our community.

2007 A Year of Exciting Growth

In April of 2006 the Parks and Recreation Department assumed two new very exciting responsibilities; (1) Operating and maintaining the new Community Center and (2) Maintenance of the following facilities: Lower and Upper Prescott Park, Childs Park, Waukegan Highlands Community Park, Circle Drive Park, Waukegan Beach, Leavitt Beach and Swasey Park.

Facility Improvements and Projects

Meeting these two major responsibilities was again both challenging and rewarding in 2007. We are very proud of our dedicated Parks & Recreation team members who accepted the challenge and performed extremely well as the demand for and popularity of our recreation facilities continues to increase. The Parks and Recreation maintenance team made many improvements to our recreation facilities in 2007. These included the construction of a new storage garage at the Community Center, repairs to skate park elements, Prescott Park building improvements, tennis court resurfacing, infield renovations at the Prescott Park ball fields, installation of a portable pitching mound and implementation of a comprehensive turf management program for our athletic fields at Prescott Park, and installation of new boards and liners at our two ice skating rinks to name a few. Our goal is to provide safe, clean and accommodating facilities that our community can be proud of and enjoy for years to come.

Community Center Flourishes

Although heavy demand for use of the Community Center was predicted prior to opening the facility in 2006, actual usage has surpassed expectations. Increased demand for the Community Center continued in 2007. Along with many activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted 18 different public service organizations on a regular and frequent basis for meetings, training sessions, public hearings, and presentations. These groups included municipal, school department, state, and federal agencies. The Community Center hosted 60 different non-profit groups in 2007 many of which utilized the facility on a regular basis. The Community Center also hosted 58 different private groups such as birthday parties, wedding receptions, family reunions, and business ventures, and others.

Parks and Recreation continued...

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department has registered 1,367 families for programs it has offered since opening the Community Center. In 2007 the Community Center enjoyed 4,986 registrations for the Parks and Recreation Department's high school and middle school after school "drop in" program, where children have the opportunity to choose their own activities in both the activity center and game room.

A list of 2007 program participation numbers for activities offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is provided below...

Program	Participants	Program	Participants
3Movie Night	300	Gunstock Ski Program	54
Adult and Youth Tennis Lessons	25	Hershey Track and Field Program	15
Adult Coed Softball	85	Holiday Open House	200+
Adult Coed Volleyball	10	Ice Skating lessons	12
Adult Floor Hockey	12	Men's League Basketball	75
Adult Indoor Tennis	12	North Pole Calling	61
Adult Recreational Tennis	50	Preschool Playgroup	44
Adult Dodge Ball	19	Ramps & Rails Competition	25
After School Program	43	Red Sox Trip	100
American Red Cross Babysitting	40	Santa Calling	55
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting	200+	School Vacation Camps	123
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	200+	Senior Exercise	57
Annual Street Dance	150+	Skate Park Drop-Ins	1000+
Boston Pops Holiday Concert	31	Skateboarding Lessons	13
Coed Pick Up Basketball	26	Snow Day Camps	15
Coed T-Ball	45	Snow Tubing Trip	58
Coed Youth Soccer	101	Summer Camp Can Do (Ages 6-14)	178
Community Center Drop-Ins	5100	Summer Concert Series	1000+
Counselor in Training Program	7	Summer Kiddie Can Do Camp (Age 5)	24
Fall Family Fun Fest	200+	Swim & Skate Trip	43
Family Entertainment Series	100+	Swim Lessons	170
Family Fun Night & Lot Dance	150+	Swim Team	25
Fun in the Sun Day	100+	Theatre Camp	30
Greetings from The Easter Bunny	20	Water Carnival	100
		Youth Gym & Fitness	26

The Community Center has provided a wonderful gathering place for our community and for people of all ages to play, socialize, learn, make decisions, and plan for our future needs.

We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible.

As always I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2008.

Sincerely,
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Meredith Parks and Recreation Director

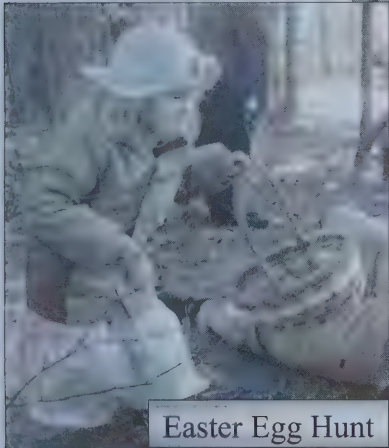
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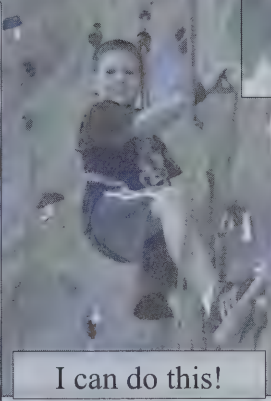
Camp Can Do



"Pull!"



Easter Egg Hunt



I can do this!



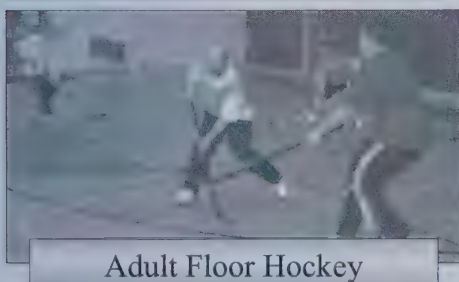
"We Got Him Good!"



Camp Can Do Beach Day



After School Program Winter Fun



Adult Floor Hockey



Senior Adult Computer Training

Police

Our first year in the new Police Station has been a huge success. Not only has the facility surpassed our initial expectations, but we have also received incredible feedback from other area police departments, some of whom are looking to renovate and/or build new facilities of their own and are using our station as a reference point from which to jump. One of the biggest improvements of note is the advancement of our Booking Room. Of the utmost importance is the level of security and safety the new Booking Room provides to our officers. Just some of the security and safety features include: two sally ports for secure relay of prisoners from the cruisers into the Booking Room; four prisoner cells; and video and audio recording of the Booking Room, which is actively monitored in the Dispatch Center.

As always, I would like to address a few topics of interest and reminders: The Town of Meredith has an active Snow Emergency Ban, which means there is no parking on Public streets between the hours of midnight to 6am starting November 30 and running to April 1. Municipal parking is greatly affected by the Snow Emergency Ban, particularly with this year's snowfall thus far. If you need to leave your motor vehicle in one of the Municipal lots for any period of time more than 24 hours, you must get an extension to do so from the Police Department. The parking extensions are in affect throughout the entire calendar year, as well as, boat docking limits.

As a follow up, we have almost completed the switch over to black and white cruisers, with one cruiser remaining to be painted. Also, we will be re-utilizing Traffic Controllers on Route 3 at the crosswalks at the Meredith Town Docks this summer to help ease traffic and pedestrian congestion.

Also as a reminder, the Police Department handles all animal calls, whether it be domesticated or wild animal issues. The Meredith Police Department works in conjunction with the NH Fish & Game Department when dealing with wild animal issues, but we still take the initial call and/or complaint. The Police Department handled 426 animal calls in 2007 as well as 6 animal bites, 55 calls for accidents involving wild animals and 24 animals (dogs and cats) brought to the Humane Society. Please remember that all dogs are to be licensed through the Town Hall (licenses are valid from May 1 to April 30 of the following year) and are to be properly vaccinated.

This past August 31 into September 1, the Meredith Police Department conducted its second Sobriety Checkpoint from 2200 hours until 0300 hours. The ultimate purpose of a Sobriety Checkpoint to screen and subsequently apprehend those drivers impaired by alcohol. The Meredith Police Department will remain aggressive in its stance against drunk driving, just as New Hampshire remains one of the leading states in having some of the most aggressive DWI laws in the country.

The following results are listed below:

- * Total Subjects Screened: 9
- * Total Motor Vehicle Warnings/Defective Equipment Tags Issued: 22
- * Total Summons Issued: 0
- * Total Arrests: 1
- * Total Vehicles Checked: 227

Of note, 90% of people surveyed during the Sobriety Checkpoint, gave positive responses to the Checkpoint being conducted. Several officers of the Meredith Police Department also worked outside details for other police departments conducting Sobriety Checkpoints as well; in the Town of Moultonborough on July 27-28 and in the Town of Center Harbor on September 8-9.

Police continued...

For those that are not aware, all officers regardless of rank are obligated to attend several training courses in addition to their normal policing duties. Some of the training courses that were attended, which totaled 1,071 hours include the following:

- * All Officers attend Firearms qualifications and recertification;
- * Certification on the Intoxilyzer Machine;
- * Taser Training
- * All officers are certified with Radar use;
- * DARE training;
- * School Emergency Response Training;
- * Domestic and Sexual Violence Training;
- * OpenFox Dispatch Training; and
- * Forensic Interview Training.

As we conclude our first year in our new station, myself and the entire staff of the Meredith Police Department again wish to express our gratitude to the residents of Meredith for voting to approve construction.

Our pledge to keep the Town of Meredith safe and to treat people the way we would wish to be treated, remains the same.

The following statistics provides a rundown of activity for 2007:

S T A T I S T I C S	<u>Activities</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
	Calls for Service	14,070	15,406	14,134
	Motor Vehicle Warnings	4,804	5,677	4,260
	Motor Vehicle Summonses	289	204	148
	Arrests/Felony Arrests	403	417/40	356
	Accidents	327	288	310
	Incidents	573	546	465

Felony Arrests/Convictions:

33 Felony Level cases were investigated by the Meredith Police Department and then were forwarded to the Belknap County Prosecutor for Indictment. 18 subjects have been formally indicted and the other cases are pending

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Morriau
 Chief of Police

Public Works

Highway: Flooding in October of 2006 and May 2007 left us with a lot of road repairs. We applied for and received funds from FEMA of \$90,000 to help reimburse us for our repair costs. Long time highway mechanic, Jim Hawthorne retired this past year with over 25 years of service. We welcome John Mulkey who joined the highway division as our new mechanic. We wish Jim a long and happy retirement. In our ongoing efforts to reorganize our department and provide better service to our residents, Gail Brace was transferred from the town hall to the PW office. She is a welcome addition and a great help to us all.

Unlike the previous year we experienced record snowfall in December of 2007. I commend the crews who worked many long hours to keep our roads open and safe and handle the multiple storms and huge snow loads. Work on the "Bundled project" (Water Street, Red Gate Lane, High Street, Waukegan Avenue, South Main, Lang Street and Stevens Avenue) continues in conjunction with the Water and Sewer Department, replacing outdated water and sewer piping and rebuilding the roads and sidewalks once the piping has been completed. Many roads were repaved or chip sealed (a process that maintains the integrity of the road infrastructure but at a fraction of the cost of paving), many drainage structures repaired or replaced and a lot of maintenance was completed to keep our roads working well and looking great.

Solid Waste: The 20 year contract with Wheelabrator of Claremont expired in July of 2007. I negotiated a new contract with Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse District of Berlin, NH. This new contract saved the town over \$100,000 in disposal costs. Also over the past year, the recycling efforts of all our residents generated revenues for the town in excess of \$392,000! Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in recycling which helps offset the costs of trash disposal for all of us.

Cemetery: All of our cemeteries are in good shape thanks to the diligence and efforts of our cemetery crews. The new burial section and a new road to the section was completed in the back of the Route 3 cemetery. Parking spaces were added in the front of the Lang Street cemetery for visitors' convenience. The GPS mapping of all the cemeteries continues. Many old stones were repaired or cleaned and brush and weeds removed from various small old cemeteries.

Buildings and Grounds: Ryan Phinney was hired to fill the vacancy created by the departure of another BG employee. Ryan worked for several years as our summer help and is a great addition to our staff. The BG crew had a busy year. We replaced the old broken pump house cover at Scenic Park with an illuminated lighthouse and put Christmas lights on Indian Island this year. Our waterfront parks looked spectacular for the Holiday season with thousands of twinkling lights.

A major change occurred when the Public Works Offices, the Buildings and Grounds Division, our workshop and the sign shop were all relocated in October 2007 to the "old" police station building at 347 Daniel Webster Highway which had been sitting vacant. With some paint and a lot of elbow grease this building was spruced up and cleaned up and is a great new home for all of us.

All of our Public Works employees work very hard to keep our town running efficiently, keep our infrastructure in excellent shape and to maintain the beauty of our town.

We wish to thank the Town residents for their continued support and cooperation throughout the year which enables us to do our jobs well.

Sincerely,

Mike Faller, Public Works Director

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office is again at the end of another busy year with new residents moving into our area, vehicle registrations, marriages, vital records and the various other duties that we, in our office, take care of for the Town.

Our office is continuing to work with the State of NH to become an online substation for the State. With this change we will be able to better serve our community and the surrounding Towns.

In order to keep up with the needs of our residents we continue our education by attending conferences and meetings to stay up date with the changes in the laws of this State.

We look forward to assisting you in 2008!

Sincerely,

Pauline L. Jones, Town Clerk

Kerri A Parker, Deputy Town Clerk

Vikki Fogg, Assistant

The 2007 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Motor Vehicle Registrations (9,751)	1,323,652.50
Dogs (935)	6,224.50
Vital Records (1,203)	10,832.00
Marriage Licenses (104)	3,870.00
Miscellaneous (Includes (UCC filings, Aquatherm permits, Copies, Dredge & Fill Permits, Mailings, Notary and Justice Fees.)	4,601.01
Total Revenue Collected	1,349,180.01



Water and Sewer

Staff: Robert Hill, Daniel Cutting, Chuck Wade, Lee Bavis, Donna Turner, and Nick Schwarz

2007 was a very active year in the Water and Sewer Departments. Foremost was the water ban that was enacted in June through September. The ban was imposed due to a combination of high water demands, a line break in a 10-inch water main under Route 104, and malfunctioning of equipment and controls at the water treatment facility.

A calculation of lawn irrigation demands was in the 200,000 gallons per day demand range.

The 10-inch water main is located in the woods behind Hillrise Lane, and thanks to the assistance of a concerned citizen it was detected. Temporary repairs were made to the water main and the entire main under the highway was replaced in January of this year with a new 12-inch high grade HDPE plastic pipe. The new pipe will allow for future growth and is not subject to corrosion, tuberculation, or rusting.



Nick-Repair of a dry hydrant at Lake Wicwas

The Water Treatment Plant, being twenty years old, experienced mechanical and instrumental malfunctions. Because of the malfunctions, incoming water was being diverted to waste instead of being treated and sent to the distribution system and storage tank. A water treatment operations consultant was brought in to assist staff in evaluating the computer and operating system and corrections, calibrations, and replacement valves and controls were made.

Staff and myself apologize for any inconvenience that you may have experienced during the water ban.

The infrastructure project was well under way in 2006 with new water and sewer mains, sidewalks, drainage, and roads installed on Stevens Avenue, High Street, Waukegan Avenue, and the upper portion of Red Gate Lane. As soon as weather permits this spring the lower portion of Red Gate Lane and a section of Water Street will be completed. The water main replacement on Route 104 mentioned above was also included in the infrastructure project to be eligible for State and Rural Development funds.

We were again able to meet all EPA and State drinking water standards and continue to test backflow devices and upgrade water meter to radio readers.

Cygnets Shores sewer pumping station was completed in 2007 and has been operating as expected. The new station can accommodate the future growth needs of Pleasant Street area, meet Department of Labor safety regulations, and eliminate the maintenance, labor and hazards associated with the old station.

Phase I of the sewer collection system evaluation was completed. The evaluation focused on a broad survey of the waste water mains with flow monitors looking at groundwater infiltration and other inflows. Phase II will focus in depth on the problems areas that were discovered in Phase I.

We appreciate and thank everyone for their support.

Respectfully,

Bob Hill

American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

Bob Kennelly, Commander
Rudy Tibbetts, 1st Vice Commander
Ryan Linke, 2nd Vice Commander
Elliot Finn, Adjutant
Herb Vadney, Finance Officer

Doug Bolinder, Sgt-at-Arms
Michael Gould, Judge Advocate
Henry Hall, Chaplin
Ben Wyatt, Historian
Chuck Thorndike, Commander Honor Guard

The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 80 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 120 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department and the Santa Fund.

We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

The Fishing Derby in February Memorial Day The Fourth of July
Meredith Home Day and Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August
The annual 9/11 Ceremony and Tribute Halloween Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Christmas and New Years Eve and Day

Please check The Meredith News or at The Post for dates and times.



Troop 55 at the Veterans Day Parade

American Red Cross

This chapter has been active in and around your community in many ways.

Thirteen disaster-trained volunteers have formed the chapter's Lakes Region Disaster Action Team which responds to disasters day or night in Meredith and surrounding towns. In all, the Granite Chapter has seven Disaster Action Teams with about 100 specially trained volunteers.



Fortunately there were no home fires in Meredith in the past year requiring Red Cross assistance. However, there were 11 residential fires in Belknap County, affecting nine families with 20 adults and 13 children. Five of those fires were in towns immediately surrounding Meredith. The chapter's disaster teams provided critical aid and support to those families. In all, disaster volunteers and staff of the Granite Chapter responded to 59 fires involving 96 families with 120 children.

Last year there were three blood drives in Meredith. Donors generously gave 101 pints of lifesaving blood during those drives. Thirteen blood drives in all of Belknap County collected 561 pints.

The Red Cross is a non-profit organization that receives no federal funding. We depend on generous donations of time and money from the American people to support our services. On behalf of the American Red Cross, thank you very much for past support for this chapter's services to residents of the Town of Meredith.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Leon, Interim Executive Director

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The NH Association for the Blind

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is committed through its programs and services “to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired.” In the past year our professional staff worked with 60 residents of the Town of Meredith. The Association’s work with clients is very personal, very individualized as staff spend a majority of their time one-on-one in client’s homes, teaching, encouraging, training and sharing the joys of success as each barrier to independence is overcome.

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is the only statewide, private, non-profit organization that provides vision rehabilitation services to people of all ages who are blind or have severe vision impairments. The Association provides counseling & referral, rehabilitation teaching, orientation & mobility instruction, low vision services, assistive technology, volunteer services, as well as education services for school-age children.

The Association’s professional staff provided 29,054 hours of direct service to 1,593 individuals. An additional 788 persons participated in group services. 66% of clients are women; 34% are men and 50% of clients are between the ages of 70 and 89, with 67% of our clients between the ages of 70-99. Volunteers provided 3,275 service hours. Of the major eye conditions, 42% of clients suffer from Macular Degeneration, 14% from Cataract, 11% from Glaucoma, 8% from Diabetic Retinopathy, 2% from Retinitis Pigmentosa and 23% from all other eye conditions.

This year, the Association received 567 new referrals averaging 47 per month. No one is ever denied access to services due to inability to pay, and services are provided in every community of New Hampshire and along the borders, for as long as they are needed. 78% of funding comes from philanthropic contributions from individuals, private foundation grants, trusts, corporate grants, civic and service organizations. All funds raised in New Hampshire stay in New Hampshire.

Community Health and Hospice, Inc.

Community Health & Hospice (CH&H) is a non-profit homecare, hospice and community service agency located in Laconia, which serves all of Belknap County. We provide home based medical and supportive care using skilled and certified professionals through our four programs: Homecare, Hospice & Palliative Care, Young Family Pediatric, and Senior Support Services.



During the previous year, CH&H provided 198 Meredith residents with 2905 in-home visits by professionals or support service workers. Of those visits, over 750 were made to patients at the end of life through our Hospice and Palliative Care program. Over 250 visits were made to families with young children to connect them with a medical home or to provide essential health services. Over 400 visits were given to the elderly to help maintain them in a home setting rather than a nursing home.

Additionally, Community Health & Hospice partners with the Community Action Program in the Meredith Senior Center to conduct support groups for those caring for an elderly, frail or ill family member. The Meredith support group is very well attended and provides guidance as well as social support for those who are isolated in a caregiver role.

It continues to be a privilege to provide services to Meredith residents, and we are grateful for the support provided by the town to enable us to carry on these health-related community functions.

Sincerely,
Margaret Franckhauser, Executive Director

Belknap County CoRe Coalition

Community Response to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among youth in Belknap County

103 Main Street, Meredith, NH 03253 ~ Phone: 603-279-5305 ~ Fax: 603-279-3044

Jena Vincent, Belknap County CoRe Coalition Executive Director jvincent@interlakes.org

The Belknap County CoRe Coalition greatly appreciates the continued support from the Town of Meredith in promoting the efforts of substance abuse prevention education. The mission of the Belknap County CoRe Coalition is to develop, support, and sustain a collaborative community response to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues that promotes positive behaviors that measurably improve the health and well being of our youth and families. In following the CoRe mission, the After Hours Youth Group from Inter-Lakes High School continues to role model positive behaviors to their peers and with the assistance of the Belknap County CoRe Coalition develop and support activities for students of the Inter-Lakes School District.

During the last year, the Belknap County CoRe Coalition has implemented a variety of community events and youth actives with the collaboration of the school system, community residents, and youth. Many of these activities have become annual events, such as the End of Year Beach Party and the Fall Festival. Other events also hosted in 2007 were Rachel's Challenge Assemblies, Race-4-Recovery, and the Youth Lock-In at the High School as well as a S.A.T. Bowling Party and volunteering for Polar Express.

The Belknap County CoRe Coalition will continue to promote substance abuse prevention education and encourages all youth and community members to become actively involved in the coalition. Please contact us with your suggestions and become an active partner to inspire positive youth behaviors in the Town of Meredith. Please visit us at www.interlakes.org/CoRe and view the 2007 Fall Newsletter.

Emergency Management

Steven R. Bennett, Emergency Management Director

Peter Russell, Assistant Emergency Management Director

The ability of Emergency Response Units to help citizens is closely tied to the efforts of all of our municipal employees and the quality of their work and the maintenance they provide throughout the year to keep our town roads, utilities and infrastructures in excellent shape. Combine this with their training and constant state of preparedness that all these departments practice and the citizens of Meredith have a lot to be thankful for. They know what it means to be TEAM players and their efforts are deeply appreciated by Emergency Management.

The possibility of a flu pandemic is still a very strong concern for all aspects of Emergency Management. Continuing research, development and planning drills are being carried out throughout the state. The Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health has been a leader in preparing our communities for this possibility and they truly are deserving of our help and support in the future.

Peter Russell and I would like to thank all of the residents for your calls, suggestions, concerns, and solutions that you have offered to us over the past year. Emergency Management truly only works when people all care enough about their community to get involved.

Sincerely,
Steven R. Bennett

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Genesis



One Life. One Family. One Community.

To the Residents of Meredith:

Thank you!!!

The appropriation that we received from the Town of Meredith's 2007 budget has helped us to cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services. During Fiscal Year 2007 (ending June 30, 2007), a total of 216 Meredith residents came to Genesis seeking help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Age Range	Number of Clients
Ages 1 – 17	55
Ages 18 – 59	95
Age 60 and over	66
Total	216

At Genesis we strive to enhance the quality of life in our communities by providing services that promote recovery from mental illness and emotional distress, in collaboration with clients, families and our community partners. Our staff is accountable for placing individuals on the path to recovery from mental illness and aiding them in their daily lives throughout the process.

We specialize in individual and group counseling and psychiatric services. We work with our most persistently ill patients on basic life skills such as public interaction and stable employment. We help parents and children to foster strong family relationships. Working with local police and fire departments, we provide emergency services 24 hours a day 7 days a week to residents of any age who are going through a mental health crisis.

Your financial support has helped to support our work with children, families and adults. The services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health help improve the quality of life for so many and yet are rarely covered by insurance plans or state programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard
Executive Director

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Greater Meredith Program

The Greater Meredith Program moved steadily forward in 2007, fine-tuning and implementing projects already in place and adding new programs that benefited the community.

Probably our proudest achievement in 2007 was the implementation of the Greater Meredith Career Partnership Program...a school-to-work program led by the business community and the school district. The program includes a speakers' bureau, job shadowing, an internship program, community service, and job placement. This achievement was made possible because of a great collaborative effort among the school district, the business community, and the Town. Before the year was out, we had more than 4 active interns and 8 students waiting to be placed. Additionally, the speakers' bureau, job shadowing, and the community service points all had activity.

In May 2007 the efforts of our community were acknowledged with statewide recognition...Meredith was pleased to take home the most awards! With 24 volunteers, board members, and town employees at the Concord event, Meredith had the greatest attendance and was the envy of many other communities that evening.

The Greater Meredith Program, tracking investment back into the community, estimates over \$100,000 of activity was generated in Meredith...a confirmation of the importance of having an organization that dedicates itself to the economic vitality of our community.

Projects that generated activity and dollars spent included: the Meredith Village Farmers' Market, the Family Fun Fest, Flower Barrels in the Village District, sponsorship of the All America Selections Display Garden, the Meredith Madness Retail Event, A Day to Remember program for the September 11 Commemoration ceremony, Halloween in Meredith, the December to Remember program, implementation of four fundraisers: A Night in Marrakesh, the Chuck Roast, our Christmas Card Sales program, and the Ice-Out Raffle.

Other projects included a focus group, a retail education workshop, gathering information for a business goods & services guide; and finally assisting the town through the Design and Economic Development committees to develop a Main Street Streetscape plan and a revitalization plan for the Town docks area.

We look forward to continuing to assist in maintaining and improving our community's economic vitality in 2008. The financial support of the Town is critical to our success and the Board and Staff of the Greater Meredith thank the Town for its continued support.

On behalf of the Greater Meredith Program Board of Directors, thank you to all those who have contributed and participated in the revitalization efforts that benefit everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Forrester

Executive Director
Greater Meredith Program

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Town of Meredith for its continued financial support of our agency for residents of Meredith. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, fully licensed, non-denominational, tax-exempt community child care and education agency incorporated in 1971. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center promotes child development and family support for working parents through comprehensive infant, toddler, preschool, and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum, engaging children in activities that provide learning and brain development opportunities while nurturing knowledge.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is open on a year-round basis at two sites, from 6:30am to 5:30pm, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the Center offers a full range of services including morning preschool programs, full and part-time child care, summer and vacation day camp programs, and USDA approved healthy snacks and hot meals. Guided by a professional staff, the children receive an educational program along with the services of health care, special needs care, dental care, and transportation for kindergarten. Through the State of New Hampshire and the Child Care and Development Block Grant, sliding fee scale tuition (based on family size and income) is available for purposes of employment, training, pursuit of degree or certificate programs, job search and temporary disability. Additionally our center sponsors the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program, facilitating federal reimbursement from the USDA for a group of licensed home daycare providers who serve approved meals/snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

Sincerely,
Connie Pelletier, Executive Director

Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We offer a before and after school program, as well as our own unique vacation and summer programs. Our philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that gives each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the five major areas of development: emotional, social, cognitive, physical and speech/language. We try to implement community outreach programs in our curriculum to instill the importance of helping others and our community.

The center provides services for over ninety families in the Lakes Region, a majority of the families living or working in Meredith. Kidworks provides the families with not only quality care and education, but with USDA approved breakfasts, snacks and lunches. In conjunction with the NH State Scholarship Program, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance. This year we strived to improve the quality of the equipment and curriculum. Through the generosity of the Town of Meredith, the Kidworks families, staff and the community we were able to complete the necessary changes at the center. This year the center implemented a new curriculum which has proven to be quite successful. Kidworks was also able to begin replacing some of the aging equipment within the center.

On behalf of the families, staff, Board of Directors and friends of Kidworks Learning Center we would like to thank you for the continued support of our program.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Weeks, Director

Laconia Motorcycle Week Association

The Laconia Motorcycle Week Association is a non-profit promotional organization for Motorcycle Week, the Lakes Region and State of New Hampshire. Throughout each year, we travel to the International Motorcycle Trade Shows, with attendance at over 400,000 people, at the following locations: New York, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Daytona Beach, Baltimore, Denver, and Boston in order to promote this area and the Oldest National Rally, Motorcycle Week. As well as the trade shows, this Association promotes Motorcycle Week, the Lakes Region and the State of New Hampshire through an advertising campaign in trade magazines throughout the United States and Canada. Each year, two editions of the Laconia Rally News are printed at 100,000 copies each edition and distributed to a direct market around the world. This magazine gives helpful information for first time visitors to the area as well as those who return each year. A motel list is located on the Official website of the Rally with various lodging information from Laconia, Meredith, and across the State. Our Association received a matching grant through the Joint Promotional Program of the State of NH's Department of Travel and Tourism for 2007 and also have received approval for our application for JPP for 2008. One of our project goals for this grant is to increase overnight stays to the Lakes Region and the State of NH. The Official Motorcycle Week website www.laconiaMCweek.com averages well over a hundred thousand hits per month and offers links to other venues including information on our board members such as, the town of Meredith.



Appropriated funds received from the Town of Meredith as Board Member dues, allow this Association to have a continued partnership with the Town in order to offer the Association's assistance in items to do with the Rally. The successfulness and sustainability of Motorcycle Week is made possible through our sponsors and Board members such as the Town of Meredith.

For the last two years, the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association has enjoyed the Welcoming Motorcycle Week press conference at Meredith Harley-Davidson in Meredith. This press conference has been attended by the Governor as well as many other State of NH dignitaries for the past two years and this effort has brought great media attention to the town of Meredith prior to the Rally.

We will be celebrating the 85th Anniversary of Laconia Motorcycle Week in 2008 and we are expecting possible record-breaking numbers for this Rally, if we can be of any assistance to the Town for Meredith, please feel free to contact us.

*The 85th Anniversary of Laconia Motorcycle Week is
June 14th - 22nd, 2008*

Thank you!

Charlie St. Clair
Executive Director

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region continues to grow and evolve. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established to provide area communities with the capability to respond to and shape the pressures of growth in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazard planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local and statewide issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support, knowledge, and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director

Meredith Chamber of Commerce

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 340 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. Members are listed on the Chambers web site-www.meredithcc.org, and in various specialty guides produced by the Chamber. The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open daily from May through October and Monday through Friday from November through April. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2007 were Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, Molly Landrigan, and Paula Trombi.

Again this year, the Chamber conducted a national advertising campaign designed to entice people to visit the area and we produced and distributed 225,000 copies of a four color, 28 page, high quality brochure. The 2007 Meredith Area brochure was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, at corporate locations in New England and New York, and in the hotels in the Greater Boston area. The brochures are also at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center and mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber. All advertising materials contain the Chamber's web address, www.meredithcc.org and our toll free number.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks, Meredith Area Community Golf Tournament, Margaritaville in Meredith, The Community Yard Sale, and the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Regular Business After Hours and Breakfast Forums were held and The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all continued.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the Town in carrying out its many projects.

Thank you!
Susan Cerutti
Executive Director

Meredith Community Action Program

During the past year, we have provided \$641,438 in services to Meredith residents. Our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of the community. Some of the services we provide are administration of the Fuel Assistance Program, the Women, Infants and Children Program, congregate meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Emergency Food Pantry. For more information, please contact 279-4096. We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support.

Sincerely,
Prudence Tylanda, Area Director

Meredith Historical Society

The purpose of the Society is the collection and preservation of the history of Meredith. This includes preserving landmarks, valuable books, manuscripts, photographs, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The Society sponsors programs and activities that increase awareness of Town history and maintains the Pottle Meeting House, operating as the Farm Museum, and the Main Street Museum to house our collection.

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museums buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. Sums designated as trust funds and bequests are encouraged, as they enable the Society to hold such amounts in trust and use only the interest as needed. The Town generously provides funds to assist in the payment of the greeter for our Main Street Museum during the summer.

The Main Street museum is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day four days a week from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Farm Museum is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons during the summer and from Labor Day to Columbus Day on Saturdays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and is staffed by volunteers. From April through November, on the first Tuesday at 7:30 PM of each month, the Society holds an educational program. The topics included Meredith School Days: Then and Now, Runaway Wives: When Colonial Marriages Failed and New Hampshire's President Franklin Pierce finds a New Place in History. These programs were followed with: What We Should Know about Islam, The Great Summer Hotels of the White Mountains, Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit and finally Preserving Your Family's Memories through Pictures, Documents and Artifacts.

This year, the clapboard siding on the Highland Street side of the Main Street Museum has been replaced. When the old clapboards were removed, we found water had gotten between the old siding and the tar paper barrier. A few areas that exhibited rot were replaced with new boards. A new Tyvec vapor barrier was installed and then a layer of "cedar breather" was installed. The cedar breather is designed to provide a channel for any moisture to "drip" or seep out from behind the new clapboards. New cedar clapboard siding was installed over the vapor barrier and cedar breather. After the siding was installed, the whole building was painted with two coats of paint.

The Society would like to thank the many volunteers for their help to catalogue articles, clean textiles, organize exhibits, create window displays, host the Farm Museum, provide refreshments for the meetings, bake for the bake sales and help maintain the buildings.

We are also very thankful to the Town of Meredith for their support.
George Jewell, President

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

MPHNA, founded in 1923, is a Medicare, Medicaid, BC/BS approved and State Licensed non-profit agency that provides Skilled Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Worker, Licensed Nurses Aide, and Homemaker Service to the residents of Meredith and Center Harbor.

Board of Directors include Richard Harlow, President; Max Jenness, Vice-President; Jean Greenlaw, Secretary; Robert Laferriere, Treasurer; Janis Roberts, Asst Treasurer; Phyllis Hamblet, Thomas Pryor, Frances Secord, Virginia Stephens, and James Wallace.

Our staff includes: Jane H Kiah, RN, BS, Executive Director; Malissa Priestley-Carey, RN, BS; Cherylanne Gonzalo, RN; Eileen Moore, RN, MS; Joan Wood, RN, MS; Harriet Redmond, MS, ARNP; Cecile Andrews, RN; Francine Hirschfield, RN; Nancy McMurtrie, RN; Geraldine Sawyer, RN; Beverly Hammond, MSW; Joanne McLean, PT; Renee Colby, PT; Clare Persson, OT; Sheila Grad, LNA; Donna Bilodeau, LNA; Cindy Johnson, LNA; Pamela Wyatt, LNA; Dale Connolly, Office Manager; Annette Paine, Office Asst., and Aglaia Rouvalis Office Clerk.

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Margaret Ainsworth, Kenneth Baker, Robert Bennett, Elisabeth Bjerklie, Theresa Dolac, Armand Hilliard, Inez Houle, Edward Jacobus, Yvette Jacobus, Myrtle Jemery, Dorothy Laubenstein, Albert Moore, Louis Normandin, Evelyn Nungesser, Helen Paquette, Priscilla Swartzwelder.

A sincere thank you is extended to the residents of Meredith and our many volunteers for their continued strong support of our agency.

Jane H. Kiah, Executive Director

New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center



**New
Beginnings**
A Women's Crisis Center

On behalf of

I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their continued support. Your 2007 allocation, of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00), has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis support, outreach, and assistance to victims of domestic and sexual assault in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter, staffs a 24-hour crisis line, provide advocacy at court, hospitals, and police stations, social service advocacy, and offers peer support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We also run community and school based education programs. We are members of the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Forum, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county.

New Beginnings had advocated and staff in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings volunteers donated **over 20,215** service hours. All services are provided free of charge.

Kathy Keller, Executive Director

P.O. Box 622, Laconia, N.H. 03247-0622 603.528.6511

www.newbeginningsnh.org email: help@newbeginningsnh.org

Domestic Violence Support Line: 1.866.644.3574

Sexual Violence Support Line: 1.800.277.5570

New Hampshire Humane Society

The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) provides numerous services to the residents and companion animals in the Town of Meredith. Strays are safely housed for 7 days (cats 3 days) prior to becoming available for adoption to the public. NHHS takes in owner- relinquished pets by appointment and matches the animal with the best adoptive home. Our animals are not euthanized for reasons of space or time. All animals receive a full medical evaluation and vaccinations. Dogs are tested for heartworm and receive preventative medicine, wormed and treated for fleas/ticks. Cats are FIV/Feline Leukemia tested, receive all vaccinations, flea/tick treatment and wormed. All available animals are spayed/neutered on site. We offer the residents of your town an alternative to releasing their animal to the streets when they can no longer care for them. Quarantine facilities are made available to the town as well as animal cruelty investigation. Educational programs are offered to town schools and civic organizations. If you are interested in any of the programs, please call the administrative offices at (603) 524-8236 or contact the shelter at (603) 524-3252.

The total number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your Town for the period *January 2007 to November 2007*:

Stray Animals from:	Town of Meredith
Dogs & Puppies	46
Cats & Kittens	65
Other Animals	<u>2</u>
Total number of animals received	113

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Abdinoor, Executive Director

Winnepesaukee Wellness Center

Dear Residents of the Town of Meredith:

The Winnepesaukee Wellness Center members thank you for your continued support of the Center in 2007. As you may know, the Winnepesaukee Wellness Center is a medically supervised program that is a self-supporting department of Lakes Region General Hospital. Its mission is to promote health responsibility, to provide a safe, comfortable site to exercise, to provide ongoing support and encouragement of healthy lifestyle habits and to promote active lifestyles. The Center leases about 2,400 square feet from the Christian Fellowship Church on Bean Road on the Center Harbor/Moultonboro town lines. An Advisory Committee consisting of members, interested community members, and LRGH management team meet monthly and oversee the Center's operations.

The Center depends on the support from surrounding Towns and fundraisers to keep the member fees affordable for members of the community. In 2007 eighteen per cent of the membership live in Meredith and benefit from the services available to them at the Center. The members range in age from 38-94. The Center is open three days per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6am to 4pm. The program is not just an exercise program as the members benefit from the oversight and experience of a Registered Nurse and Exercise Specialist. The monthly fee for the program is \$45.00 per person and \$75.00 per couple. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. We invite you to come and see the Center in action during the regular hours of operation or call 253-1839 for information.

Sincerely,
Winnepesaukee Wellness Center Advisory Committee

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/01/07	Conforti, Dominic Carmine	Conforti, John	Conforti, Nancy
01/15/07	Merrill, Skylar Mae	Merrill, David	MacDonald, Amy
01/22/07	Jutton, Madison Teresa	Jutton, Donald	Jutton, Corrine
02/23/07	Snyder, Keegan Donald	Snyder, Jonathon	Snyder, Caroline
02/23/07	Snyder, Aidan William	Snyder, Jonathon	Snyder, Caroline
02/28/07	Hibbert, Mackenzie Elizabeth	Hibbert, Kenneth	Hibbert, Lisa
03/20/07	Eustace, Giovanna Sophia	Eustace, Jesse	Vozzella, Elizabeth
03/23/07	Despres, Calvin Michael	Despres, Jeffrey	Despres, Lea
03/28/07	Rivera, Julian David	Lavoie, Beorne	Rivera, Natasha
04/04/07	Walker, Ruby Anna	Walker, Michael	Walker, Courtney
04/11/07	Brown, Owen Matthew	Brown, Joshua	Brown, Kristin
04/25/07	Richardson, Tessa Renee		Trudel, Jessica
04/30/07	Baker, Katherine Elaine	Baker, Aaron	Dunn, Kristin
05/18/07	Larhette, Logan Michael	Larhette, Michael	Garon, Emma-Rose
06/03/07	Duross, Hazel Virginia	Duross, Ryan	Mazzatto, Brandalyn
06/03/07	Flanders, Jackson Charles	Flanders, Charles	Flanders, Christina
06/26/07	Holland, Ashley Joan	Holland, Bryan	Holland, Kanya
07/07/07	Larochelle, Aubrey Lee		Whynot, Rebecca
07/19/07	Desharnais, Ryder, Joseph	Desharnais, Ricky	Roy, Mary
07/26/07	Eich, Lilah Marie	Eich, Robert	Eich, Vanessa
08/08/07	Pabon, Alexis Sinne	Pabon, Pedro	Ennis, Laura
08/09/07	Thomas, Justin Paul	Thomas, Justin	Thomas, Amy
08/11/07	Donnelly, Brogan William	Donnelly, Guy	Donnelly, Bronwen
08/15/07	Dixon, Chloe Elizabeth	Dixon, Shawn	Dixon, Kimberly
08/16/07	Smith, Logan Blake	Smith, Gregory	Smith, Samantha
08/23/07	Taylor, Brooke Kathleen	Taylor, Nathan	Taylor, Kristen
09/04/07	Bickford, Wesley Macpherson	Bickford, Matthew	Bickford, Nancy
09/05/07	Richardson, John Christopher	Richardson, Mitchell	Richardson, Mary
09/11/07	Taylor, Trafton Gregory	Taylor, Thomas	Taylor, Jodi
10/20/07	Kercheval, John Robert	Kercheval, John	Belza Kercheval, Anne
11/12/07	Poehler-Cole, Stevie Lynn	Cole, James	Poehler, Tricia
11/17/07	Horne, Jozie Meadow	Horne, James	Davis, Heather
12/01/07	Haddock, Gavin Michael	Haddock, Jason	Foley, Michelle
12/01/07	Boles, Seda Elan	Boles, William	Boles, Suzanne
12/04/07	Doda, Emily Sherryanne	Doda, Pierre	Doda, Elizabeth
12/07/07	Schwarz, Laura Marie	Schwarz, Nicholas	Durand, Kristin
12/18/07	Jaques, Nicholas Paul	Jaques, Christopher	Jaques, Julie
12/20/07	Raso, Joseph Nicholas		Mann, Esther
12/23/07	LaPlante, Noelle Elizabeth	LaPlante, Luc	LaPlante, Nicole
12/28/07	Bohl, Charles Frederick		Bohl, Barbara

Marriages

Date of Marriage	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence
01/27/07	Lasata, Daniel	Meredith, NH	Lak, Jennifer	Meredith, NH
03/01/07	Campbell, David	Troy, NH	Pinker, Rebecca	Meredith, NH
03/03/07	Davis, James	Meredith, NH	Wade, Dawn	Meredith, NH
03/24/07	Ballou, Carl	Meredith, NH	Johnson, Mary	Meredith, NH
04/01/07	Iach, Patric	Meredith, NH	Man, Veronica	Meredith, NH
04/06/07	Lilly, Robert	Meredith, NH	Garrison, Amanda	Meredith, NH
04/28/07	Diola, Jonathan	Meredith, NH	Viens, Joann	Milford, NH
05/05/07	Kelleher, Robert	Meredith, NH	Stone, Roberta	Meredith, NH
05/25/07	Chapman, Gary	Meredith, NH	Ramos, Karen	Bristol, RI
05/30/07	Lianos, Arthur	Meredith, NH	Plummer, Nancy	Meredith, NH
06/09/07	Breen, William	Meredith, NH	Curran, Rachel	Penacook, NH
06/09/07	Linke, Ryan	Meredith, NH	Boyd, Karrie	Meredith, NH
06/11/07	Dow, Nathan	Meredith, NH	Makkai, Andrea	
06/17/07	Shute, Michael	Meredith, NH	MacDonald, Pamela	Meredith, NH
06/23/07	Tellier, Jean	Meredith, NH	Staib, Nancy-Lu	Venice, FL
06/23/07	Presher, Richard	Meredith, NH	Bergeron, Julie	Meredith, NH
06/30/07	Potter, Gordon	Meredith, NH	Appleton, Robin	Meredith, NH
06/30/07	Roberts, Jeffrey	Belmont, NH	James, Courtney	Meredith, NH
06/30/07	Wallace, Michael	Meredith, NH	Santiago, Nahir	Meredith, NH
06/30/07	Vachon, John	Meredith, NH	O'Flaherty, Aniko	Meredith, NH
07/07/07	Ricciuti, Martin	Meredith, NH	Scandura, Linda	Meredith, NH
07/07/07	Davis, Jeffrey	Meredith, NH	Barrette, Karen	Meredith, NH
07/07/07	Rossignol, Thomas	Meredith, NH	Pennell, Mindy	Meredith, NH
07/07/07	Brunelle, Timothy	Meredith, NH	Siegel, Jennifer	Meredith, NH
07/08/07	Boynnton, Adam	Meredith, NH	Laauwe, Amy	Meredith, NH
07/14/07	Grinavic, Brian	Meredith, NH	Hill, Rebecca	Meredith, NH
07/14/07	Spears, Deven	Meredith, NH	Madigan, Kelly	Meredith, NH
07/21/07	Shaw, Jason	Meredith, NH	Cheever, Tammy	Meredith, NH
07/22/07	Dondero, Randy	Rochester, NH	Manita, Joanne	Meredith, NH
08/04/07	Mangers, Gregory	Meredith, NH	McCracken, Sarah	Meredith, NH
08/10/07	Cammilleri, Travis	Manchester, NH	Hawkins, Heidi-Ann	Meredith, NH
08/11/07	Taggett, Charles	Meredith, NH	Ladd, Kimberly	Meredith, NH
08/18/07	Dow, Evan	Meredith, NH	Romano, Loida	
08/19/07	Daley, Richard	Meredith, NH	Pineau, Rebecca	Gilford, NH
09/15/07	Blake, David	Meredith, NH	Richelson, Patricia	Meredith, NH
09/22/07	Webb, Robert	Meredith, NH	Follett, Jane	Meredith, NH
09/22/07	Fuller, William	Meredith, NH	Dolan, Rebecca	Meredith, NH
09/22/07	Cornelissen, Jason	Meredith, NH	Bresse, Carrie	Meredith, NH

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Marriages continued...

Date of Marriage	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence
10/05/07	Horton, David	Meredith, NH	Spinney, Louise	Meredith, NH
10/07/07	Hand, John	Meredith, NH	Cunningham, Mary	Kingston, MA
10/07/07	McCullough, Kerry	Meredith, NH	Chovancova, Petra	Fountain Valley, CA
10/11/07	Harrington, John	Meredith, NH	Avery, Shelby	Meredith, NH
10/12/07	Poirier, Michael	Meredith, NH	Sabino, Nanci	Meredith, NH
10/13/07	Murphy, David	Meredith, NH	Monaco, Marguerite	Boston, MA
10/28/07	Savage, Alex	Meredith, NH	Smith, Maggie	Meredith, NH
11/17/07	Alami, Ayman	Laconia, NH	Valcourt, Corinne	Meredith, NH
11/30/07	Beam, Joshua	Meredith, NH	Follansbee, Amanda	Meredith, NH
12/15/07	Desharnais, Ricky	Meredith, NH	Roy, Mary	Meredith, NH
12/27/07	Aly, Adel	Meredith, NH	Dubois, Tina	Meredith, NH
12/29/07	Bannister, William	Deering, NH	Thompson, Sarah	Meredith, NH

Deaths

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
02-Jan-07	Rainey, Stephanie	Laconia	Slaby, John	Kuchyt, Catherine
07-Jan-07	Crouse, Dorothy	Meredith	Schubert, George	Miller, Elizabeth
16-Jan-07	Collins, Michael	Laconia	Collins, Arthur	MacDonald, Jane
18-Jan-07	Tagen, Robert	Meredith	Tagen, Robert	Fahnley, Bette
20-Jan-07	Meyerhoefer, Edgar	Lebanon	Meyerhoefer, Paul	Unknown, Marie
20-Jan-07	Kovacs, Gertrude	Laconia	Whaley, James	Scriber, Mary
20-Jan-07	Cote, Hattie	Meredith	McNeil, John	Robie, May
22-Jan-07	Roukema, Rita	Laconia	Fortin, Emile	Bolduc, Yvonne
24-Jan-07	Whitney, Janet	Meredith	Silver, Abraham	Pastanak, Etta
26-Jan-07	Rice, Raymond	Laconia	Rice, Fred	Prehn, Alma
02-Feb-07	Marr, John	Meredith	Mroszczyk, Joseph	Rykiel, Victoria
14-Feb-07	Hughes, Marguerite	Meredith	Daigneau, Meddie	Lemere, Rena
28-Feb-07	Rasmussen, Dorothy	Lebanon	Major, Daniel	Beals, Ella
01-Mar-07	Foster, Carol	Laconia	Harris, Almon	Carroll, Margaret
02-Mar-07	Baillargeon, Robert	Exeter	Baillargeon, Delphis	Duval, Alexandrine
03-Mar-07	Downing, Richard	Laconia	Downing, James	Baker, Clara
04-Mar-07	Mull, Carol	Meredith	Weyman, Richard	Girdzijauskas, Frances

Deaths continued...

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
09-Mar-07	Michalski, Edmund	Meredith	Michalski, Vincent	Szajer, Blanche
09-Mar-07	Nelson, Theodore	Meredith	Nelson, Theodore	Joy, Lucy
12-Mar-07	Morrison, Medora	Meredith	Morrison, Randolph	Way, Mary
14-Mar-07	Nadeau, Anna	Laconia	McKenzie, Everett	Unknown, Betsey
22-Mar-07	Sirles, Jr., Joseph	Laconia	Sirles, Sr., Joseph	Shute Patricia
07-Apr-07	Telek, Lehel	Meredith	Unknown	Malay, Augusta
07-Apr-07	Hilliard, Armand	Meredith	Hilliard, Ervin	Constant, Marion
16-Apr-07	Cameron, Merle	Meredith	Mick, John	Kelley, Sarah
19-Apr-07	Houle, Inez	Plymouth	Webb, Henry	Fisk, Florence
23-Apr-07	Anderson, Gerard	Laconia	Anderson, Gerard	Hoag, Thelma
27-Apr-07	Huff, Alice	Laconia	Weston, Ralph	Kimball, Florence
27-Apr-07	Blake, Mary	Laconia	Corliss, Walter	Guard, Susie
28-Apr-07	Moris, Francis	Laconia	Moris, Joseph	Bartoszynski, Helen
01-May-07	Hames, Horace	Laconia	Hames	Wilson, Lovinia
06-May-07	Tilton, Dorothy	Laconia	Foster, Willis	Standley, Bernice
07-May-07	Beede, Lorraine	Laconia	Brodeur, Raymond	Sheehan, Lillian
14-May-07	Avery, Perley	Laconia	Avery, Perley	Chase, Leona
15-May-07	Jemery, Myrtle	Laconia	Jeremy, Alexander	Boynton, Viola
18-May-07	Manita, William	Meredith	Manita, John	Union, Alice
21-May-07	Seufert, Janice	Laconia	Smith, Maurice	Linn, Elsie
24-May-07	MacKenzie, Lyman	Tilton	Mackenzie, Lyman	Tracy, Mabel
25-May-07	Baker, Kenneth	Meredith	Baker, George	Gates, Laura
28-May-07	Chevalier, Gary	Meredith	Chevalier, Florent	Chouinere, Yvonne
02-Jun-07	Dolac, Theresa	Meredith	Furman, John	Kita, Agatha
20-Jun-07	Bjerklie, George	Laconia	Bjerklie, Joseph	Schlosser, Gladys
27-Jun-07	Kelleher, Jr., Robert	Concord	Kelleher, Sr., Robert	Audibert, Anita
27-Jun-07	Rines, Sr., Kevin	Meredith	Rines, Daniel	Knowles, Lurana
03-Jul-07	Howe-Doe, Evelyn	Laconia	Hesse, Otto	Unknown, Hildegard
03-Jul-07	Miller, Dorothea	Meredith	Lawrence, Thomas	Shaw, Ethel
04-Jul-07	Moody, Beatrice	Meredith	Glidden, William	Clough, Maude
04-Jul-07	Ainsworth, Margaret	Laconia	Currie, Stanley	Thombs, Arlene
05-Jul-07	McDonald, Laverne	Meredith	Treadwell, Thomas	Unknown, Eunice
07-Jul-07	Hazelton, Rose	Laconia	Ball, Carl	Hazelton, Mabelle
10-Jul-07	Andrews, Leo	Meredith	Andrews, Antoine	Kloeppel, Mamie

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths continued...

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
13-Jul-07	Moulton, Andrea	Lebanon	Ferguson, James	Nichols, Sue
15-Jul-07	Dow, Jr., Donald	Lancaster	Dow, Sr., Donald	Witham, Ruth
19-Jul-07	White, Patricia	Laconia	Bushman, Roger	Hennen, Patricia
02-Aug-07	Fiorillo, Robert	Laconia	Fiorillo, Jack	Della-Monica, Theresa
14-Aug-07	Mariani, Henry	Meredith	Mariani, Fred	Allen, Nancy
15-Aug-07	MacDonald, Mark	Laconia	MacDonald, Ernest	Haley, Joyce
22-Aug-07	Bates, Wayne	Laconia	Bates, Frank	Kohler, Mary
23-Aug-07	Walker, Madeline	Meredith	Huston, John	Smith, Gladys
24-Aug-07	Walker, Catherine	Meredith	Fritz, Carlie	Moffitt, Leota
30-Aug-07	Chamberlain, Helen	Meredith	Teaconchuk, Peter	Seminuk, Katherine
06-Sep-07	Hanson, Charles	Meredith	Hanson, Hans	Bjorkrah, Hedwig
09-Sep-07	Long, Mary	Meredith	Long, Willie	Prentiss, Flora
09-Sep-07	Martin, Millicent	Meredith	Mallorey, Alfred	Huckins, Vernie
10-Sep-07	Bennett, Robert	Laconia	Bennett, C	Damon, Ruth
11-Sep-07	Williamson, Nigel	Meredith	Williamson, Derek	Campbell, Anne
17-Sep-07	Walker, Bernice	Laconia	Mills, Herman	Ball, Florence
18-Sep-07	Bell, Meggan	Meredith	Kaizer, Unknown	Unknown
22-Sep-07	Smith, Lee	Laconia	Smith, Richard	Stiles, Beulah
23-Sep-07	Smith, Joan	Laconia	Lacross, William	Moench, Ruth
26-Sep-07	Touhey, Marian	Laconia	Sullivan, Michael	Tilton, Eleanor
26-Sep-07	Burnell, Barton	Meredith	Burnell, Sr., Orland	Hawkes, Ester
27-Sep-07	Wood, Virginia	Laconia	Ebert, Alfred	Hansen, Helen
02-Oct-07	Uhlman, Doris	Laconia	Hodgson, Oscar	Cote, Mae
04-Oct-07	Morrill, Sr., William	Meredith	Morrill, Austin	Daigneau, Rosema
10-Oct-07	Veasey, Effie	Laconia	King, Ezra	Heath, Effie
24-Oct-07	Woodcock, Flora	Franklin	Osgood, George	Marshall, Nellie
31-Oct-07	Bjerkie, Elisabeth	Meredith	Woodman, Charles	Merrill, Marguerite
07-Nov-07	Currier, Gladys	Meredith	Cass, Austin	Wheeler, Lola
07-Nov-07	Carr, Fred	Meredith	Carr, Archie	Cram, Mary
20-Nov-07	Robertson, Mary	Laconia	Kennon, James	McLowsky, Edith
21-Nov-07	Morten, Dorothy	Laconia	Davis, David	Williams, Rachel
27-Nov-07	Lianos, Arthur	Laconia	Lianos, George	Paton, Anne
30-Nov-07	Sidney, Florence	Laconia	Bailey, Lloyd	Goupil, Rose
12-Dec-07	Ritchie, Elsie	Meredith	Grevert, Harry	Muller, Elsie
18-Dec-07	Ventolieri, Pasquale	Meredith	Ventolieri, Anthony	Depasquale, Angelina
18-Dec-07	Maynard, Robert	Meredith	Maynard, Willaim	Davis, Grace
20-Dec-07	Berry, Muriel	Laconia	Lewis, Wilson	Gale, Marion

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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January 28, 2008

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
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Dear Members of the Board:

We have substantially completed our audit of the basic financial statements of the Town of Meredith as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006. However, in June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments. This statement established new financial reporting requirements for all state and local governments. It requires new information and restructures much of the information that governments have presented in the past. The Town is required to implement this standard as of December 31, 2004.

The Town hired an independent consultant to assist the Town with the conversion of the financial statements. This required a lot of additional information in order for the consultant to complete the conversion.

Once the consultant has completed the conversion of the basic financial statements and prepared the management's discussion and analysis, we will be able to finish our audit and render opinions on the Town's basic financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ended
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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
Assets								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 6,687,651	\$ 1,170,314	\$ (83,831)	\$ 2,531,734	\$		\$	10,305,868
Investments	2,345,631			174,021				2,519,652
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Interest								
Taxes	1,236,287							1,236,287
Accounts	188,699	16,888		473,565				679,152
Special Assessments-Current	13,583							13,583
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	140,289							140,289
Other	178,307	(37)	215,708					178,307
Interfund Receivable								215,671
Intergovernmental Receivable								
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	72,143							72,143
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(72,143)							(72,143)
Other Debits								
Compensated Absences						381,468		381,468
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt						11,605,116		11,605,116
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 10,790,447	\$ 1,187,165	\$ 131,877	\$ 3,179,320	\$	\$ 11,986,584	\$	27,275,393

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	62,452	\$	3,636	\$	-	\$	-	\$	66,088
Retainage Payable										-
Intergovernmental Payable		5,710,099								5,710,099
Interfund Payable										-
Escrow & Performance Deposits						198,562				198,562
Deferred Revenue				21,221						21,221
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable						473,565				473,565
General Obligation Debt Payable								11,605,116		11,605,116
Compensated Absences Payable								381,468		381,468
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	5,772,551	\$	24,857	\$	627,127	\$	11,986,584	\$	18,456,119

EQUITY

Fund Balances

Reserved for Encumbrances	567,646	29,983					597,629
Reserved for Special Purposes	1,998,042	414,708	131,877	2,507,193			4,951,820

Unreserved

Designated for Special Purposes							
Undesignated (Deficit)	2,452,208	717,617					3,269,825
TOTAL EQUITY	5,017,896	1,162,308	131,877	2,507,193			8,819,274
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 10,790,447	\$ 1,187,165	\$ 131,877	\$ 3,179,320	\$ 11,986,584	\$ -	\$ 27,275,393

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Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Cable Franchise Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
ASSETS							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 7,103	\$ 158,891	\$ -	\$ 216,957	\$ 197,437	\$ 589,926	\$ 1,170,314
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)							
Accounts			\$ (37)		\$ 16,881	\$ 6	\$ 16,888
Interfund Receivable							\$ (37)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,103	\$ 158,891	\$ (37)	\$ 216,957	\$ 214,318	\$ 589,933	\$ 1,187,165
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 466	\$ 3,170	\$ 3,636
Deferred Revenue-Access Fees					\$ 4,305	\$ 16,916	\$ 21,221
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,771	\$ 20,086	\$ 24,857
Equity							
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,983	\$ 29,983
Reserved for Special Purposes	\$ 7,103	\$ 142,891	\$ (37)		\$ 127,806	\$ 279,836	\$ 414,708
Unreserved							
Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216,957	\$ 81,741	\$ 276,029	\$ 717,617
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 7,103	\$ 158,891	\$ (37)	\$ 216,957	\$ 209,547	\$ 588,843	\$ 1,162,308
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 7,103	\$ 158,891	\$ (37)	\$ 216,957	\$ 214,318	\$ 588,895	\$ 1,187,165

Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

ASSETS

Cash & Equivalents							
Interfund Receivable	\$ 30,097	\$ 101,781	\$ (75,300)	\$ (108,183)	\$ (32,225)	\$ (83,831)	
			\$ 75,300	\$ 108,183	\$ 32,225	\$ 215,708	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 30,097	\$ 101,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 131,877	

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Due to General Fund							
Retainage Payable							
TOTAL LIABILITIES							
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Reserve for Special Purposes	\$ 30,097	\$ 101,781				\$ 131,877	
Unreserved							
Undesignated (Deficit)							
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	30,097	101,781	-	-	-	131,877	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 30,097	\$ 101,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 131,877	

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Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					Totals
	Expendable		Nonexpendable			
	Library	Capital Reserve	Others	Town		
ASSETS						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 8,541	\$ 290,577	\$ 1,999,812	\$ 34,242	\$ 198,562	\$ 2,531,734
Investments	102,041			71,980		174,021
<u>Receivables</u>						
Interest						
Accounts					473,565	473,565
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 110,582	\$ 290,577	\$ 1,999,812	\$ 106,222	\$ 672,127	\$ 3,179,320
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Interfund Payable						
Escrow and Performance Deposits					198,562	198,562
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					473,565	473,565
TOTAL LIABILITIES					672,127	672,127
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Endowments						
Reserved For Special Purposes	110,582	290,577	1,999,812	106,222	-	2,507,193
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	110,582	290,577	1,999,812	106,222	-	2,507,193
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 110,582	\$ 290,577	\$ 1,999,812	\$ 106,222	\$ 672,127	\$ 3,179,320

Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

		Balance 1/1/2007	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2007
Developers' Performance Bond Fund					
<u>Assets:</u>					
	Cash & Equivalents	\$ 60,802	\$ 204,181	\$ 66,421	\$ 198,562
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
	Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 60,802	\$ 204,181	\$ 66,421	\$ 198,562
ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan					
<u>Assets:</u>					
	Due From Others	\$ 451,639	\$ 46,026	\$ 24,100	\$ 473,565
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
	Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 451,639	\$ 46,026	\$ 24,100	\$ 473,565
TOTAL ~ ALL AGENCY FUNDS					
	Cash & Equivalents	\$ 60,802	\$ 204,181	\$ 66,421	\$ 198,562
	Due From Others	451,639	46,026	24,100	473,565
Total Assets		\$ 512,441	\$ 250,207	\$ 90,521	\$ 672,127
	Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 60,802	\$ 204,181	\$ 66,421	\$ 198,562
	Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	451,639	46,026	24,100	473,565
Total Liabilities		\$ 512,441	\$ 250,207	\$ 90,521	\$ 672,127

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2007	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2007
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ 2,536
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	69,547	-	-	2,433	71,980
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	471	-	-	16	488
Edwin E. Beede	Library	98,574	-	-	3,467	102,041
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	7,346	-	-	257	7,603
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	1,085	-	-	38	1,123
William E. Bixby	Library	236	-	-	8	244
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock	273	-	-	10	283
George S. Fogg	School District	2,944	-	-	103	3,047
Town Cemetery	General	6,918	-	-	242	7,160
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	707	-	-	25	732
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	10,654	-	-	373	11,027
		\$ 201,206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,058	\$ 208,263

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds continued

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Beginning Balance 1/1/2007	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2007
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 18,911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 662	\$ 19,572
Library	Maintenance	8,252	-	-	289	8,541
Employee Benefits	Severance	193,010	12,500	41,742	6,747	170,515
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	80,652	-	34,597	2,822	48,877
Municipal Building	Additional Space	164	-	-	6	170
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Department	Communications	1,038	-	-	36	1,074
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	565,099	175,000	84,139	26,675	682,545
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	57,330	-	-	2,006	59,336
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	104,498	50,000	-	3,630	158,128
Waterfront Infrastructure Imprv.	Waterfront Imprv.	38,802	-	-	1,358	40,160
Downtown Parking	Additional Space	449,251	-	-	15,719	464,970
Cygnnet Shores Pump Station	Sewer Pump Station	215,806	-	223,357	7,551	-
Property Assessment Maintenance	Assessing Maintenance	219,576	-	226,974	7,398	-
Disinfection Water Change	Water Treatment	51,616	25,000	-	1,793	78,409
Fire Department Building Trust	Land/Building	211,241	-	121,580	7,276	96,937
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve	50,976	25,000	-	1,771	77,746
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		\$ 2,266,131	287,500	732,388	85,737	1,906,980
School - SPED	Special Education	74,934	25,000	-	1,439	101,373
Total All Expendable Trusts :		\$ 2,341,065	\$ 312,500	\$ 732,388	\$ 87,176	\$ 2,008,353
CAPITAL RESERVES		Beginning Balance 1/1/2007	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2007
Fire Truck		\$ 4,899	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171	\$ 5,071
Police		12,439	-	-	435	12,874
Water Department		34,604	-	-	1,211	35,815
Prescott Park Expansion		4,759	-	-	166	4,925
Total Town Capital Reserves		56,701	-	-	1,984	58,684
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		169,238	50,000	-	7,070	226,308
Inter-Lakes School District		5,396	-	-	189	5,585
Total Town Capital Reserves		\$ 281,216	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 9,243	\$ 290,577

Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2007 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/07
General Obligation Debt Payable					
1988 Cotton Hill Sewer Bond	\$ 603,200	1988	2008	3.304%	\$ 45,000
1989 Library Expansion Bond	750,000	1989	2009	3.304%	115,000
1988 Water System Improvement Bond	2,000,000	1988	2015	3.304%	1,000,000
1994 Cataldo Road Sewer Bond	229,000	1994	2013	3.304%	85,000
1998 Westbury Road Sewer Bond	55,000	1998	2010	3.304%	25,000
1998 Wagon Wheel Sewer Bond	211,874	1998	2010	3.304%	60,000
1999 Pleasant Street Bond	1,400,000	1999	2011	3.304%	500,000
2001 Neal Shore Sewer Bond	200,000	2001	2010	3.870%	51,650
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	948,770	2002	2011	3.304%	235,000
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	478,100
2004 Conservation Bond	500,000	2004	2014	3.990%	350,000
2004 East Bluff Village Sewer Bond	115,381	2004	2014	3.870%	80,767
2005 Community Center Bond	3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	3,220,000
2007 Police Station Bond	1,500,000	2007	2017	4.990%	1,321,463
2007 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	1,220,000	2007	2037	4.125%	1,220,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2007					<u>\$ 8,716,980</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$ 920,691	\$ 330,471	\$ 1,251,162
2009	870,147	312,859	1,183,006
2010	847,704	280,176	1,127,880
2011	731,997	248,459	980,456
2012-2037	5,346,441	1,716,171	7,062,612
Totals	<u>\$ 8,716,980</u>	<u>\$ 2,888,136</u>	<u>\$ 11,605,116</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits

\$ 381,468

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Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 20,509,618	\$ 20,509,618	\$ -
Yield	2,000	2,868	868
Boat	38,000	38,525	525
Current Land Use Change Tax	15,051	15,051	-
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	105,290	107,968	2,678
Total Taxes	20,669,959	20,674,030	4,071
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,299,406	1,289,192	(10,215)
Building Permits	68,500	76,213	7,713
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	55,000	59,989	4,989
Total Licenses and Permits	1,422,906	1,425,393	2,487
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
<u>State/Federal</u>			
Highway Block Grant	176,287	176,287	-
Railroad Tax	1,688	1,688	-
Shared Revenue	76,686	76,686	-
Rooms & Meals Tax	270,173	270,173	-
Water Pollution Grants	26,991	26,991	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,000	3,000	-
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	296	296	-
Other State/Federal Revenue	387,172	395,392	8,220
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	942,293	950,513	8,220
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	837,207	892,072	54,865
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	23,096	23,096	-
Interest on Investments	275,000	318,543	43,543
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	95,000	90,484	(4,516)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	393,096	432,123	39,027
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Special Revenue Fund	286,497	294,997	8,500
Total Other Financing Sources	286,497	294,997	8,500
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	650,000	650,000	-
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$ 25,201,959</u>	<u>\$ 25,319,128</u>	<u>\$ 117,170</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - General Fund

	2006 Encumbered	2007 Appropriation	2007 Expended	2007 Encumbered	Balance (Overdrafts)
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive Office	\$ 12,485	\$ 230,148	\$ 223,798	\$ 11,553	\$ 7,282
Executive - Municipal Administration	100,294	522,405	621,433	69,436	(68,171)
Personnel Administration	21,965	59,481	61,326	17,316	2,394
Town Clerk	5,347	154,108	148,255	7,180	4,019
Administrative Services	19,281	423,988	433,027	25,581	(15,339)
Assessor	-	207,110	194,725	7,000	5,385
Tax Collector	3,888	87,584	80,981	5,000	5,491
Community Development	17,680	372,390	350,811	9,380	29,879
Regional Associations	11,500	204,562	216,062		
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police	16,320	1,497,850	1,509,102	-	5,068
Ambulance	-	247,846	247,848	-	(2)
Fire	18,085	263,729	244,161	18,130	19,523
<u>Public Works</u>					
Solid Waste Disposal	40,000	906,187	807,471	78,000	60,716
Building & Grounds	20,024	313,400	274,818	32,924	25,682
Cemetery	6,260	131,019	121,787	1,000	14,492
Highway Department	170,036	2,401,503	2,425,820	140,780	4,941
<u>Water Distribution</u>					
Hydrant Rental	-	69,000	69,000	-	-
<u>Welfare</u>					
General Assistance	-	65,750	100,998	-	(35,248)
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation	34,977	748,214	719,827	24,883	38,480
Library	8,068	458,280	398,645	67,018	685
<u>Economic Development</u>					
Economic Development					
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt	-	911,948	905,565	-	6,383
Interest - Long-Term Debt	-	292,368	283,165	-	9,204
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
<u>Intergovernmental</u>					
School Appropriation	-	11,793,694	11,793,694	-	-
County Appropriation	-	2,318,567	2,318,567	-	-
<u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u>					
Conservation Commission	33,901	23,225	41,001	16,000	125
Capital Projects	76,558	173,000	197,094	58,365	-
Expendable Trust Funds	-	287,500	287,500	-	-
<u>Total Appropriations,</u>					
<u>Expenditures, and Encumbrances</u>	<u>\$ 616,669</u>	<u>\$ 25,174,856</u>	<u>\$ 25,076,890</u>	<u>\$ 668,973</u>	<u>\$ 130,990</u>

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance - General Fund

Fiscal Year 2007

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$ 2,516,100
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Deductions

Amount used to reduce 2007 Taxes	\$	(650,000)
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Additions: (Unaudited at 12/31/2007)

Surplus Revenues (Estimate to Actual)	117,170
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Unexpended Appropriates (Budget to Actual)	130,990
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Change in Reserves	113,584
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Change in Overlay	224,363
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	586,108
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)</u>	\$ 2,452,208
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Fiscal Year 2008 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2008 (Unaudited)</u>	\$ 2,452,208
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used	
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To Reduce 2008 Tax Rate		(650,000)
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2008 (Unaudited)</u>	\$ 1,802,208
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Treasurer's Account Summary

General Fund - Operating

Balance 01/01/2007	7,063,781.30	
Receipts & Transfers	23,811,737.12	
Expenditures	<u>(24,187,867.73)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>6,687,650.69</u>

General Fund - Investments

Balance 01/01/2007	2,233,737.78	
Receipts & Transfers	111,893.30	
Expenditures	<u>-</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>2,345,631.08</u>

Community Park

Balance 01/01/2007	2,302.08	
Receipts & Transfers	1.16	
Expenditures	<u>-</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>2,303.24</u>

Water Department

Balance 01/01/2007	179,689.17	
Receipts & Transfers	551,522.23	
Expenditures	<u>(649,244.26)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>81,967.14</u>

Sewer Department

Balance 01/01/2007	582,957.12	
Receipts & Transfers	776,676.53	
Expenditures	<u>(775,861.47)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>583,772.18</u>

Conservation Commission

Balance 01/01/2007	150,607.65	
Receipts & Transfers	50,000.00	
Expenditures	<u>(41,716.73)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>158,890.92</u>

Cable Franchise

Balance 01/01/2007	175,971.29	
Receipts & Transfers	56,709.54	
Expenditures	<u>(15,723.89)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>216,956.94</u>

Community Center

Balance 01/01/2007	(43,804.75)	
Receipts & Transfers	19,503.34	
Expenditures	<u>(50,998.70)</u>	
Balance 12/31/2007		<u>(75,300.11)</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2007 (Unaudited)

Treasurer's Account Summary continued

Landfill Closure

Balance 01/01/2007	141,477.56	
Receipts & Transfers	-	
Expenditures	(39,696.99)	
Balance 12/31/2007		101,780.57

Prescott Park

Balance 01/01/2007	30,096.88	
Receipts & Transfers	-	
Expenditures	-	
Balance 12/31/2007		30,096.88

Police Station Capital Project

Balance 01/01/2007	(1,808,986.10)	
Receipts & Transfers	2,398,039.82	
Expenditures	(709,042.93)	
Balance 12/31/2007		(119,989.11)

Fire Station

Balance 01/01/2007	(5,028.00)	
Receipts & Transfers	-	
Expenditures	(27,196.85)	
Balance 12/31/2007		(32,224.85)

Land Use Change Tax

Balance 01/01/2007	15,051.00	
Receipts & Transfers	5,729.00	
Expenditures	-	
Balance 12/31/2007		20,780.00

Infrastructure Project

Balance 01/01/2007	-	
Receipts & Transfers	1,220,000.00	
Expenditures	(1,328,183.24)	
Balance 12/31/2007		(108,183.24)

Engineering Funds/Retainage

Balance 01/01/2007	60,801.95	
Receipts & Transfers	204,181.36	
Expenditures	(66,421.35)	
Balance 12/31/2007		198,561.96

Balance All Funds 12/31/2007		\$10,092,694.29
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Treasurer's Account Summary continued

Proof of Balance

Meredith Village Savings Bank

Accounts Payable	Outstanding Checks	(436,042.49)	
	Reconciled Balance		(436,042.49)
Payroll	Outstanding Checks	(21,751.66)	
	Reconciled Balance		(21,751.66)
Sweep		7,610,213.50	
Reconciled Balance			7,610,213.50
Operating Account		130,846.92	
Reconciled Balance			130,846.92
Citizen Lockbox		247,213.50	
Reconciled Balance			247,213.50
Debit Card Checking		15,000.00	
Reconciled Balance			15,000.00
Certificate of Deposit		1,101,545.61	
Reconciled Balance			1,101,545.61
Certificate of Deposit		1,244,085.47	
Reconciled Balance			1,244,085.47
Engineering Account		198,561.96	
Reconciled Balance			198,561.96
Community Park Account		2,303.24	
Reconciled Balance			2,303.24
Baby Bicentennial Account #1		44.12	
Baby Bicentennial Account #2		44.12	
			88.24
Cash on Hand		630.00	
			630.00
Reconciled Balance 12/31/2007			\$ 10,092,694.29

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lamper

Dennis Lamper, Town Treasurer

TAX INFORMATION

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-07		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 1,180,148.98
Yield Taxes		2,765.20
Betterment Assessments		7,656.94
Water Rents		149,050.55
Sewer Rents		128,160.36
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	20,702,481.51	995.13
Yield Taxes	2,867.58	
Betterment Assessments	45,617.13	
Land Use Change Taxes	70,780.00	
Water Rents	468,253.33	
Sewer Rents	581,811.73	
Overpayments		
Property Taxes	39,735.91	1,595.89
Water Rents	55.79	
Sewer Rents	30.40	
Interest	14,906.60	48,621.61
Total Debits	<u>\$ 21,926,539.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,518,994.66</u>
 <u>Credits</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 19,510,233.10	\$ 1,180,151.65
Yield Taxes	2,867.58	2,765.20
Betterment Assessments	32,034.51	7,656.94
Land Use Change Taxes	63,754.50	
Water Rents	400,055.17	148,937.45
Sewer Rents	525,958.94	128,095.56
Interest	14,906.60	48,621.61
Abatements		
Property Taxes	9,446.65	2,588.35
Water Rents	6,233.53	113.10
Sewer Rents	2716.78	64.80
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-07		
Property Taxes	1,222,537.67	
Betterment Assessments	13,582.62	
Land Use Change Taxes	7,025.50	
Water Rents	62,020.42	
Sewer Rents	53,166.41	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 21,926,539.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,518,994.66</u>

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Liens 1-1-07	\$	\$	\$	\$
Liens Executed During 2007	362,951.89	127,579.28	59,300.70	6,732.25
Interest & Costs after Lien	8,267.57	9,554.30	22,124.66	2,551.68
Total Debits	<u>\$ 371,219.46</u>	<u>\$ 137,133.58</u>	<u>\$ 81,425.36</u>	<u>\$ 9,283.93</u>

<u>Credits</u>				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 180,211.43	\$ 48,859.02	\$ 58,632.20	\$ 4,245.63
Interest & Costs	8,267.57	9,554.30	22,124.66	2,551.68
Abatements	3,678.39	184.37	181.11	
Deeded to Town				
Uncollected Liens 12-31-07	179,062.07	78,535.89	487.39	2,486.62
Total Credits	<u>\$ 371,219.46</u>	<u>\$ 137,133.58</u>	<u>\$ 81,425.36</u>	<u>\$ 9,283.93</u>

Tax Collector's Report

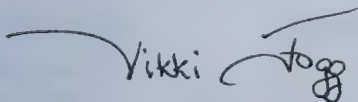
I'd like to thank you for continuing to make the collection of water/sewer and property payments through our lockbox payment service so successful. To ensure timely payment to your account, checks paid through on-line banking must be mailed to our office address at the Town of Meredith, 41 Main Street, Meredith, NH 03253. **Do not mail your on-line bill payments to the Manchester PO Box.** The Lockbox Service is unable to process payments unless a bill accompanies the check and they must return your checks to me, delaying receipt of your payment.

Please use the envelopes enclosed with the tax and water/sewer bills for *on time* payments only. DON'T use the envelopes for other Town business as Lighthouse Financial at the Manchester P.O. Box has to forward those to us.

If you are unable to make full payment at the time taxes are due, please make partial payments. You may also want to consider making weekly or monthly payments. Please contact the tax office to make payment arrangements. If you do not have a tax escrow account, you may wish to contact your mortgage holder to ask them about setting up an escrow account for payment of your property taxes.

The Meredith Board of Selectmen has authorized the acceptance of prepayments on your property tax account. Taxpayers shall be allowed to prepay taxes no more than 2 years in advance of the due date of the taxes. No interest shall accrue to the taxpayer.

It has been my great pleasure to serve the Town of Meredith. I would like to thank all of our taxpayers for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or if you have any suggestions to improve efficiency and service.



Vikki Fogg
Deputy Tax Collector

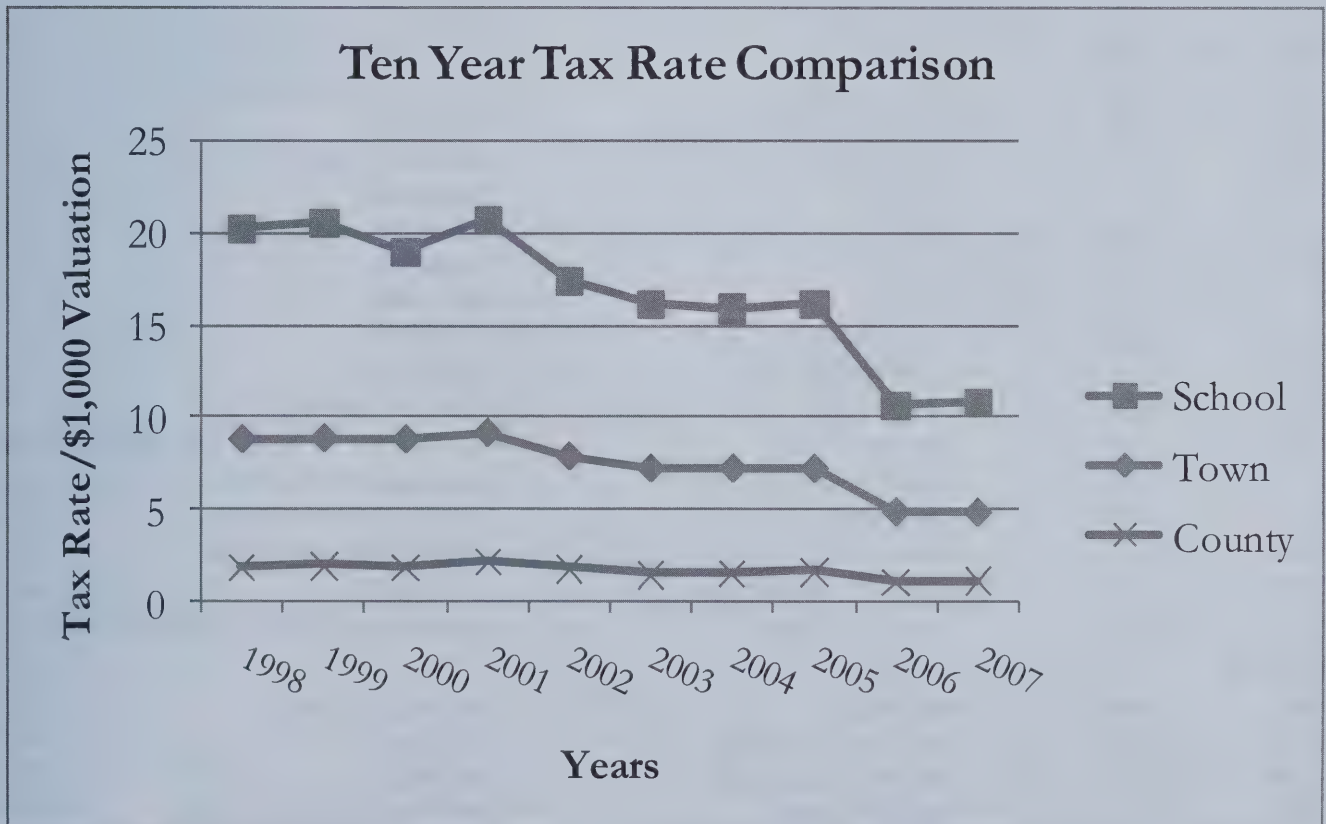
TAX INFORMATION

2007 Tax Rate Calculation

		2007 Tax Rates per \$1,000 Valuation	
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Appropriations	\$ 14,802,342		
Less: Revenues	(7,977,865)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(36,312)		
Add: Overlay	78,736		
War Service Credits	<u>237,250</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		7,104,151	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$	<u>3.70</u>
Due to Regional School	11,793,694		
Less: Cost of Adequate Education	(293,593)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(4,104,652)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		7,395,449	\$ 3.86
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X	2.24		
1,832,433,826		4,104,652	\$ 2.15
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (No Utilities)			
1,911,581,293			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
School Tax Rate		\$	<u>5.82</u>
Due to County	2,318,567		
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(8,881)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		2,309,686	
County Tax Rate		\$	<u>1.20</u>
Combined Tax Rate		\$	<u>10.91</u>
Total Property Taxes Assessed		20,913,938	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(237,250)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>\$ 20,676,688</u>	
		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,918,269,293	8.76	\$ 16,809,286
State Education Taxes	\$ 1,911,581,293	2.15	<u>\$ 4,104,652</u>
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 20,913,938</u>

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
1998	11.44	6.89	1.94	20.27	589,261,949
1999	11.77	6.89	1.98	20.64	600,781,506
2000	10.17	6.89	1.93	18.99	692,241,498
2001	11.56	6.99	2.18	20.73	706,275,825
2002	9.56	6.09	1.82	17.47	911,814,837
2003	8.97	5.74	1.52	16.23	1,092,075,621
2004	8.68	5.70	1.57	15.95	1,132,161,235
2005	9.00	5.59	1.66	16.25	1,162,607,162
2006	5.82	3.79	1.13	10.74	1,897,635,500
2007	6.01	3.70	1.20	10.91	1,918,269,293



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary of Town-Owned Property

Conservation/Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
R08-014	1.31	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.86	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.96	Lake Wickwas	Peninsula
R13-006	3.18	Lake Wickwas	Island
R13-007	5.34	Lake Wickwas	Island
R14-001	304.43	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.04	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	Chemung Road	Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.51	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.12	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	193.83	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation
R21-008	13.61	Lake Pemigewasset	Waterfront - Wetlands
R22-007	22.66	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	33.12	Nedean Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.21	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	38.05	Carleton Road	Town Forest
R32-001	49.08	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	63.22	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.07	Beattie Road	Former tree nursery
S22-020	13.09	Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Park
S22-022	176.13	Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Park
U05-002	0.30	Waukegan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.64	High Street/Waukegan Ave	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.19	Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	Route 25	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.02	Route 25	Scenic Park, Indian Island
U07-126	0.31	Route 3	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.51	Route 3	Hesky Park
U10-031	14.42	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.33	Route 3 North	Prescott Park
U10-035	0.70	Route 3 North	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-047	.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.83	Greemore Road	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U14-001	21.42	Route 3 North	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.26	Route 25/Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U39-058	21.19	Leavitt Park Road	Town Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

Facilities

I02-021	0.08	Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.24	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.95	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.19	Jenness Hill Road	DPW, Landfill, Police Station
S17-7A		Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower

Summary of Town-Owned Property continued

Facilities continued

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
S17-18R-1	0.00	Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U02-40	0.26	Lower Ladd Hill Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U03-028A	0.21	Waukegan Street	Bathhouse, Sewer Pump Station
U03-030	0.38	Waukegan Street	Town Beach
U05-01A	0.07	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-01B	0.54	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.16	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.20	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-059	0.54	Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.13	Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.53	Route 3/Oak Street	Fire Station
U06-117A	0.07	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-117C	0.25	Lang Street	Cemetery (historic)
U06-145	0.02	Route 3	Town Docks
U07-043	.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.14	Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Utility Right-of-Way
U07-088	0.36	Route 3/Plymouth Street	Parking Lot
U07-107	0.17	Route 3 North	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	1.10	Route 3 North	Parking Lot (adjacent to Aubuchon Hardware)
U10-017	0.35	Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	21.05	Route 3 North	Public Works Office, Prime Wetlands
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.42	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	16.22	Route 3 North	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.28	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.09	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.66	Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot, Right-of-Way
U33-025	0.41	Cattle Landing Road	Docks, Right-of-Way
U35-010	1.06	Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp, Docks, Parking Lot

Vacant/Undesignated

I07-006	0.27	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.85	Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.76	Chemung Road/Camp Waldron Road	
R35-003	12.44	Pinnacle Ridge Road	Landlocked
S15-057	1.50	Boynton Road	
S18-055	0.22	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right-of-Way
S22-027	0.74	Tracy Way/Parade Road	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-01A	0.40	Route 3/Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.09	Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right-of-Way
U04-025	1.04	Waukegan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.27	Route 3 North	Water Line Loop
U12-015	174.45	Philbrook Avenue/Jenness Hill Road	

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	1,601,393
Residential		958,640,729
Commercial/Industrial		<u>64,211,971</u>

Total Value of Land 1,024,454,093

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	791,969,466
Manufactured Housing	11,722,000
Commercial/Industrial	<u>86,223,334</u>

Total Value of Buildings 889,914,800

Public Utilities

Electric	\$	<u>6,688,000</u>
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions 1,921,056,893

Exemptions

Blind	198,200
Elderly	1,922,100
Totally & Permanently Disabled	626,800
Solar/Wind power	<u>40,500</u>

Total Exemptions 2,787,600

Net Taxable Valuation \$ 1,918,269,293

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

2008 Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next March 11, 2008, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 8 through 26.

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

Selectman – One (1) for three (3) years
Town Clerk – One (1) for three (3) years
Treasurer – One (1) for three (3) years
Moderator – One (1) for two (2) years
Trustee of Trust Funds – One (1) for three (3) years
Library Trustees – Two (2) for three (3) years
Supervisor of the Checklist—One (1) for six (6) years

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Insert a new paragraph W in Article III (General Provisions) of the ordinance to allow building permits to be issued for lots on islands served exclusively by boats without requiring that the landowner must either comply with the road access requirements of RSA 674:41, or must apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for relief from the road access requirements on a case by case basis?

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VI (International Residential Code/Enforcement) of the ordinance to adopt the 2006 Edition of the International Residential Code as the town's basic building code in place of the 2000 Edition; also, to update an obsolete statutory reference in section A, and to delete section C of Article VI which is also obsolete due to a change in State law?

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Articles III (General Provisions), Article IV, (Establishment of Districts and District Regulations) and Article VIII, (Definitions), to delete all provisions and references relating to cluster development, and add a new Article entitled "Conservation Subdivision Design Ordinance" to replace the deleted cluster provisions?

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III (General Provisions), Section K, Waterfront Right-of-Way, Subsection 2-A, 1, to increase the shore frontage requirement for each additional right of access to a water body through or by means of waterfront land, from 25 feet per dwelling unit to 50 feet per dwelling unit?

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII (Zoning Board of Adjustment), Section B (Special Exception- Specific), Subsections 1-a, 1-b and 1-d (Accessory Apartments) to permit accessory apartments in accessory structures, as well as, in principal residential structures, to revise the Special Exception criteria for accessory apartments, and to amend the definitions of "Accessory Apartment" and "Apartment" in Article VIII?

ARTICLE 7

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Meredith on the second Tuesday of March?"

(Petitioned by 25 or more registered voters or 2% of the registered voters in Town, whichever is less)

(Passage requires an affirmative 3/5 majority ballot vote)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Wednesday - 3/12/2008 @ 7:00 pm @ Interlakes High School, 1 Laker Lane

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) (gross budget) for the purpose of constructing an addition to and refurbishing the Downtown Fire Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) of bonds or notes for this purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, provided that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants-in-aid or contributions from other sources that are pledged or received for this purpose prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes. Further to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings in accordance with the provisions of said RSA Chapter 33 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes, and to determine the term and interest rate, method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as the Town Treasurer shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town. Finally, to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for, accept, and expend any grants-in-aid or contributions that may be available for this project.

(Passage requires an affirmative two-thirds ballot vote)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing certain real estate to be held by the Town as Conservation Land under the management of the Town's Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 36-A. Specifically, the property to be purchased is known as the Page Pond Project properties, identified by the Town as Tax Map S03, Lot 6 and Tax Map S04, Lots 1, 3, 6. Further, to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) of bonds or notes for this purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, provided that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants-in-aid or contributions from other sources that are pledged or received for this purpose prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes. Further to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings in accordance with the provisions of said RSA Chapter 33 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes, and to determine the term and interest rate, method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as the Town Treasurer shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town. Finally, to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for, accept, and expend any grants-in-aid or contributions that may be available for this project.

(Passage requires an affirmative two-thirds ballot vote)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to designate Chase Road in the Town of Meredith as a Scenic Road under the authority of RSA 231:157. Chase Road is located within the town of Meredith.

(Petitioned by 10 or more Registered Voters or Abutters)

ARTICLE 11

We the undersigned do hereby petition under the authority granted to us under NH Law, OPPOSE the designation of Chase Road as a "Scenic Road" until such time that all planned upgrades, repairs and improvements have been completed to ensure the public safety of all who use the road.

(Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the elected office of Town Treasurer and authorize the appointment of the Town Treasurer upon recommendation of the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, all pursuant to RSA 41:26-e. If this article is adopted, the elected Town Treasurer shall continue to hold office until the annual Town election in March, 2009, at which time the elected office will terminate as provided by RSA 669:17-d.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the Citizens of Meredith, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

(Petitioned by 25 or more registered voters or 2% of the registered voters in Town, whichever is less)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of the revenue from the use of the Town's boat launch at Shep Brown's Boat Basin to expenditures for the purpose of repairs or improvements to the boat launch, or to Town owned facilities at the site of the boat launch such as municipal parking, bathrooms, or other related facilities? Such revenue and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Town Boat Launch Facilities Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote of the town meeting to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the balance available in the Land Use Change Tax Fund (Fund #14) for 2007 in the amount of Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$20,780.00) and to place that sum in the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for the capital roadway project designated as Batchelder Hill Road.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Main Street Rehab Fund, for the purpose of rehabilitation, construction, and improvements to the Class V town road known as Main Street, and to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) toward this purpose from the General Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3—2)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Water Improvements Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure Trust previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Fund Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5—0)

TOWN WARRANT INFORMATION

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for the water project designated at the Prescott Park/Circle Drive Water Loop. This is the second year of a two-year project. These funds are non-lapsing appropriations until December 31, 2009 or project completion.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3—2)

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to improve various town roads that are eligible for 2 to 1 matching funds from the State Aid Reconstruction Program, contingent upon the receipt of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of that amount from the State, with the balance of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be raised by taxation.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million, Seventy One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and twenty three cents, (\$ 12,071,457.23) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include amounts appropriated under the prior articles.

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BUDGET INFORMATION

2008 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2007 Estimated	2007 Actual	2008 Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,868	\$ 2,000
Boat	38,000	38,525	36,500
Land Use Change Tax	15,051	15,051	-
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	105,290	107,968	78,580
Total Taxes	160,341	164,411	117,080
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,299,406	1,289,192	1,275,000
Building Permits	68,500	76,213	70,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	55,000	59,989	54,300
Total Licenses and Permits	1,422,906	1,425,394	1,399,300
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Highway Block Grant	176,287	176,287	183,104
Railroad Tax	1,688	1,688	1,688
Shared Revenue	76,686	76,686	31,493
Rooms & Meals Tax	270,173	270,173	270,000
Water Pollution Grants	26,991	26,991	26,991
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,000	3,000	3,000
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	296	296	296
Other State/Federal Revenue	387,172	395,392	8,145
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	942,293	950,512	524,717
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	837,207	892,072	820,410
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	23,096	23,096	-
Interest on Investments	275,000	318,543	250,000
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	95,000	90,484	35,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	393,096	432,122	285,000
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	286,497	294,997	337,178
Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-
Trust Funds	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources	286,497	294,997	337,178
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance	4,042,340	4,159,507	3,483,684
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	650,000	650,000	650,000
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,692,340	\$ 4,809,507	\$ 4,133,684
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	691,915	577,319	640,083
Water	591,832	589,373	736,749
Grand Total All Funds	<u>\$ 5,976,087</u>	<u>\$ 5,976,199</u>	<u>\$ 5,510,517</u>

BUDGET INFORMATION

2008 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2007 Actual	2007 Expended	2008 Recommended
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 230,148	\$ 223,798	\$ 226,285
Executive - Municipal Administration	552,405	641,832	671,036
Public Health - Ambulance	247,846	247,846	256,151
Personnel Administration	59,481	49,011	51,386
Town Clerk	154,108	145,457	145,192
Administrative Services	432,988	423,246	412,148
General Assistance	65,750	100,998	100,250
Assessor's Office	207,110	201,725	217,216
Tax Collector's Office	87,584	85,981	83,002
Community Development Department	372,390	325,911	397,206
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds	287,500	287,500	260,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	173,000	173,000	365,000
Regional Association	204,562	204,562	204,062
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	1,497,850	1,500,985	1,563,737
Fire	263,729	259,901	278,562
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	906,187	845,471	840,336
Building & Grounds	313,400	306,543	289,263
Cemetery	131,019	121,219	127,947
Highway Department	2,401,503	2,380,359	2,365,552
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	748,214	707,711	755,096
Library	459,280	457,595	487,922
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	911,948	905,565	920,691
Interest - Long-Term Debt	292,368	283,165	330,471
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000	-	10,000
Total General Fund	\$ 11,010,370	\$ 10,879,381	\$ 11,358,509
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	23,225	23,100	21,115
<u>Water Fund</u>	591,832	656,515	640,083
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	691,915	684,058	736,749
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 12,317,342	\$ 12,243,054	\$ 12,756,456
<u>Warrant Articles Not In Operating Budget</u>			
Article #4 - Bundled Project Bond (2007)	2,485,000	2,485,000	-
Article #9 - Fire Station Bond (2008)	-	-	2,500,000
Article #10 - Page Pond Project (2008)	-	-	400,000
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$ 14,802,342	\$ 14,728,054	\$ 15,656,456

2008 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2008 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$12,756,457
Less: 2008 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(\$5,510,517)
Less: Shared Revenues - Town Portion	(\$ 36,312)
Add: Proposed Overlay	\$ 75,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	<u>\$ 237,050</u>
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 7,521,678</u>

2008 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only)

\$3.92

Compared to 2007 Tax Rate of \$ 3.70 (Municipal Portion Only)

Warrant Articles with Potential Tax Impact

Article #9—Fire Station Bond	\$ 2,500,000
Article #10—Page Pond Project	\$ 400,000

Page Fund Project

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Meredith Area Resources

Emergency and Health Information

<u>Community Action Program</u>	<u>279-4096</u>	<u>Emergency Management Director</u>	<u>279-8933</u>
<u>Lakes Region General Hospital</u>	<u>524-3211</u>	<u>Meredith Public Health Nursing</u>	<u>279-6611</u>
<u>Hanover Poison Information Center</u>			<u>1-800-562-8236</u>

Legal Services

<u>Belknap County Registry of Deeds</u>	<u>527-5420</u>	<u>Belknap County Superior Court</u>	<u>524-3570</u>
<u>Laconia District Court</u>	<u>524-4128</u>	<u>New Hampshire Legal Assistance</u>	<u>1-800-634-8989</u>

County and State Police

<u>Belknap County Sheriff's Department</u>	<u>524-3830</u>	<u>State Police - Tamworth</u>	<u>323-8112</u>
<u>State Police - Concord</u>			<u>1-800-852-3411</u>

Permits to Kindle Fires

<u>Main Fire Station (Fire Chief)</u>	<u>279-6061</u>	<u>Meredith Center Store (Barry Ladd)</u>	<u>279-4315</u>
<u>Town Hall (Vikki Fogg & Kerri Parker)</u>	<u>279-4538</u>	<u>Y - Landing Marina (David Hamblet)</u>	<u>279-9916</u>

Meetings of... Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

Board of Selectmen - Monday

<u>Community Center</u>	<u>5:30 pm</u>	<u>1st and 3rd Monday of the month</u>
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Library Trustees - Tuesday

<u>Meredith Public Library</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>2nd Tuesday of the month</u>
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Parks and Recreation Commission - Tuesday

<u>Community Center</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<u>3rd Tuesday of the month</u>
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Planning Board - Tuesday

<u>Community Center</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month</u>
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Conservation Commission - Thursday

<u>Community Center</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>1st (public meeting) & 3rd (work session as needed) Thursday of the month</u>
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Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee - Thursday

<u>Community Center</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>2nd and 4th Thursday of the month</u>
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Zoning Board of Adjustment - Thursday

<u>Community Center</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>2nd Thursday of the month</u>
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Municipal Directory

Emergency – All Calls

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Police Department – Business
400 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 12:00 am daily

279-4561

fax 279-6636

Fire Department – Business
286 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

279-6061

fax 279-6061

Water & Sewer Department
50 Waukewan Street

7:00 am - 3:30 pm M-F

279-3046

fax 279-5356

Parks & Recreation
Community Center 1 Circle Dr.

8:00 am - 9:00 pm M-F

279-8197

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat

fax 279-7086

Public Works - Business
347 Daniel Webster Highway

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

279-6352

fax 279-4656

(includes Buildings & Grounds, Cemetery, Highway & Solid Waste)

Solid Waste Facility
17 Jenness Hill Road

8:00 am - 3:00 pm daily

279-8480

closed Wednesdays and holidays

Town Hall—41 Main Street

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

fax 677-1090

Administrative Services

279-4538

Assessing

677-4213

Tax Collector

677-4202

Town Clerk

677-4204

Annex—5 Highland Street

8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

fax 677-1060

Town Manager

677-4205

Community Development

677-4215

Meredith Public Library
91 Main Street

10:00 am - 8:00 pm Tu, W

279-4303

8:00 am - 8:00 pm Th

fax 279-5352

8:00 am - 5:00 pm F

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sat